

Senate Resolution 373

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending R.R. Harris for her vital role as a community health advocate;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, R.R. Harris has been active in her community as an advocate for excellence in
4 education, women's health care, healthy babies and children, and all other components that
5 help maintain our families, our neighborhoods, and keep our communities safe and healthy
6 places to live; and

7 WHEREAS, as a long-term resident in her community, much of R.R. Harris's community
8 involvement in the City of Atlanta has been through her work with Neighborhood Planning
9 Unit-H, where she has served on various citizen advisory councils that make
10 recommendations to the mayor and city council on issues affecting individual communities
11 and the entire city; and

12 WHEREAS, R.R. Harris is a graduate of the inaugural class of the Georgia STAND-UP
13 Policy Institute for Civic Leadership, a "Think and Act Tank" for emerging grassroots
14 leaders, community activists, elected officials, faith based leaders, academics, parents, and
15 students; and

16 WHEREAS, she has served as a lifestyle coach for the CYL2 – Change Your Lifestyle
17 Change Your Life 2017 Program of the Black Women's Health Imperative, which is a
18 year-long program designed for people with prediabetes who are at high risk for Type 2
19 diabetes; and

20 WHEREAS, she also completed the Leadership Academy of the Community Foundation for
21 Greater Atlanta where she used their training method to work with other community
22 members to establish a volunteer nonprofit organization, The Friends of Collier Heights
23 Park; and

24 WHEREAS, The Friends of Collier Heights Park sponsored health initiative programs and
25 hosted "Learn, Lunch, Live" seminars to educate local residents about obesity, heart disease,
26 hypertension, and diabetes; and

27 WHEREAS, R.R. Harris was honored by Bank of America with their "Local Hero"
28 Neighborhood Excellence Initiative Award for her leadership role in revitalizing Collier
29 Heights Park – Phases I & II; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
31 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 recognize and commend R.R. Harris for her remarkable patience and diplomacy, wise
34 counsel, and leadership.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to R.R. Harris.