

## Senate Resolution 511

By: Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Jacquelyn Harrison Barrett Washington; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Jacquelyn Harrison Barrett Washington has long been recognized by the  
4 citizens of this state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal  
5 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,  
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced  
8 dramatically by her superlative public service; and

9 WHEREAS, a graduate of Arcadia and Atlanta Universities, Jacquelyn began her criminal  
10 law career as a criminal justice planner, contributing to the communities of East Point,  
11 College Park, and Hapeville, Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1976, she began working with the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and  
13 Training Council (POST) and rose through its ranks, eventually becoming Director of the  
14 POST Training Division where she developed content for executive training for Chiefs of  
15 Police and Sheriffs in Georgia and served as a liaison to the National Association of State  
16 Directors of Law Enforcement Training and participated in the establishment of operational  
17 standards for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA);  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, this outstanding individual served as the Chief Administrative Officer for  
20 Richard B. Lankford, Georgia's first African American sheriff; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1992, Jacqueline was elected to the position of Fulton County Sheriff,  
22 making her the first African American woman in the nation to hold such a title; and

23 WHEREAS, as sheriff, Jacquelyn played a significant role in the advancement of the  
24 department, such as its gaining a Triple Grown Accreditation from CALEA, the opening of  
25 the South Fulton Precinct, and the implementation of the AARP program, which provides  
26 personal safety training to seniors; and

27 WHEREAS, though her 28 year career in the law enforcement profession has come to an  
28 end, she still remains active in her community, having served on the Georgia Commission  
29 on Family Violence, the Georgia Board of Public Safety, the State Judicial Nominating  
30 Committee, the Georgia Commission on Children, and the National Organization of Black  
31 Law Enforcement Executives, of which she was the first female president; and

32 WHEREAS, Jacquelyn's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable  
33 patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the  
34 citizens of this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and  
35 associates; and

36 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
37 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

38 WHEREAS, Jacqueline has served the State of Georgia with honor and distinction, and her  
39 vision and unyielding commitment to law enforcement, academia, and the faith community  
40 have set the standard for public service; and

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

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
44 recognize and commend Jacqueline Harrison Barrett Washington for her efficient, effective,  
45 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere  
46 best wishes for continued happiness and success.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
48 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Jacqueline  
49 Harrison Barrett Washington.