

Senate Resolution 581

By: Senator Sims of the 12th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending *Rural Leader Magazine's* Forty Under Forty Class of 2017;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, *Rural Leader Magazine* is a digital publication that aims to highlight leaders  
4 in rural and small communities nationwide and abroad; and

5 WHEREAS, under the guiding hand of its publisher and editor-in-chief, Dr. Kuanita Murphy,  
6 *Rural Leader Magazine* first presented its Forty Under Forty award in September, 2014, in  
7 order to recognize exclusively exceptional leaders from small communities in Alabama,  
8 Florida, and Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Murphy's mission is to continue to develop a platform for rural leaders to  
10 demonstrate the importance of what they do and to showcase the rich and exceptional talent  
11 in small towns within the United States and globally; and

12 WHEREAS, the September, 2017, issue of *Rural Leader Magazine* represents a vast array  
13 of talent, skill, and resilience among the 2017 Forty Under Forty honorees, and it is  
14 abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of  
15 these extraordinary individuals be further recognized.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
17 congratulate *Rural Leader Magazine's* Forty Under Forty Class of 2017 and commend them  
18 for their many contributions on behalf of rural and small communities nationwide and  
19 abroad.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
21 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to *Rural Leader*  
22 *Magazine's* Forty Under Forty Class of 2017.