

Senate Resolution 739

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Aneesah Akbar-Uqdah; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Aneesah Akbar-Uqdah attended officer candidate school training and education
3 command for the United States Marine Corps; completed the GIS certificate program at
4 Johns Hopkins University; pursued nondegree Arabic studies at both the American
5 University of Cairo and the Qalam wa Lawh Center for Arabic Studies; received a bachelor's
6 degree in anthropology at Bryn Mawr College; received a master's degree in intelligence
7 operations at the American Public University School of Security and Global Studies; and
8 received an MPH in health policy and management from Emory University Rollins School
9 of Public Health; and

10 WHEREAS, Aneesah brought her 2014 Officer Candidate School (OCS) manual on every
11 mission of temporary duty that she completed for the CDC, and made a conscious effort to
12 visit the United States embassy of every country she had the opportunity to travel to in order
13 to meet the Marine security guards there; and

14 WHEREAS, on August 12, 2018, she made history by graduating with the largest graduating
15 class in the history of OCS; by graduating as one of 667 officers out of 900 total candidates;
16 and by graduating as one of only 64 women out of those 667 graduates; and

17 WHEREAS, Aneesah served as Epi Field Coordinator in Freetown; Logistics Action Officer
18 in Sierra Leone, supporting the Ebola Response for 120 days; Data Manager for the DoD
19 Sample Investigation; DGHT Emergency Coordinator for the 2014 – 2015 Ebola Response;
20 Liaison Officer for the CDC's 2014 Global Health Security Meeting; Senior Research
21 Program Coordinator for the Interfaith Health Program (IHP) over a four-year period; and
22 as Health Communications Coordinator at The Health Initiative in Atlanta, from August,
23 2010, to August, 2012; and

24 WHEREAS, she has been a part of the American Public Health Association in Washington,
25 D.C., where she aided in community health planning and policy development, and has also
26 served with the World Health Organization in Rabat, Morocco; and

27 WHEREAS, Aneesah is currently serving as Logistics Action Officer for the CDC's Global
28 Rapid Response Team, and as a Public Health Advisor for the Prevention Branch's
29 Community Engagement Team; and

30 WHEREAS, Aneesah believes that all of her experiences are a reflection of her personal
31 growth and her exposure to various communities and cultures throughout the world; and

32 WHEREAS, her ultimate desire is to seek excellence in everything that she does, and it is
33 abundantly fitting and proper that her various achievements and her dedication to the pursuit
34 of knowledge be appropriately recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 recognize and commend Aneesah Akbar-Uqdah.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Aneesah
39 Akbar-Uqdah.