

Senate Resolution 891

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, James of the 35th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating Lydia Mitcham Meredith for being a recipient of the 2018
2 Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lydia Mitcham Meredith has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
5 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 service with Beacon of Hope, Inc.; and

9 WHEREAS, she is a published author, activist, advocate, orator, and grant writer; she has
10 decades of experience in leadership and education in the engineering, energy, education,
11 corporate, and nonprofit environments and has cultivated partnerships with diverse
12 organizations ranging from neighborhood associations and government agencies to faith
13 based, nonprofit, and corporate organizations; and

14 WHEREAS, Lydia is the founder and executive director of Beacon of Hope, Inc., which
15 generates nearly \$2 million in annual revenue, and acquired accreditation from the National
16 Academy of Early Childhood Programs and Georgia's Department of Early Care and
17 Learning as a "Quality Rated" program within five years of its inception; and

18 WHEREAS, Beacon of Hope, Inc., is a nonprofit corporation for early childhood education,
19 youth leadership and education, adult education, and affordable housing and community
20 redevelopment in the Old Fourth Ward and surrounding communities; and

21 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Lydia was pastor and church administrator
22 of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Atlanta, where she aided in the implementation of programs

23 and ministries specifically designed to meet the needs of an urban community and
24 congregation; and

25 WHEREAS, she received a bachelor of science in industrial engineering and a master's in
26 business management from Vanderbilt University, a master's in Christian education from the
27 Morehouse School of Religion at the Interdenominational Theological Center, and a master's
28 in public policy with a concentration in nonprofit policy from the Andrew Young School of
29 Policy Studies at Georgia State University; and

30 WHEREAS, as a recipient of the Legislative Women's Caucus Nikki T. Randall Servant
31 Leader award for 2018, Lydia's outstanding accomplishments and public service are hereby
32 recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 recognize Lydia Mitcham Meredith for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated
35 public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate her for being a recipient of the 2018
36 Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader award; and extend the most sincere best wishes for
37 continued health and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Lydia Mitcham
40 Meredith.