

Senate Resolution 861

By: Senators Williams of the 39th, Jordan of the 6th, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Parent of the 42nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Sonya Halpern on receiving the Yellow Rose Nikki T.
2 Randall Servant Leader Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sonya Halpern has a fierce passion for the arts, education, and politics, and her
4 passion has manifested itself in her involvement on boards for Public Broadcasting Atlanta,
5 The Children's School, SouthArts, the DeVos Institute of Arts Management at the University
6 of Maryland, and the YMCA of Metro Atlanta and in leadership roles for the National Black
7 Arts Festival; and

8 WHEREAS, Sonya Halpern was appointed by President Barack Obama to the President's
9 Advisory Committee on the Arts (PACA) and became the first African American and the
10 first Georgian to serve as the PACA's chair; and

11 WHEREAS, she has been recognized as one of the Top 100 Black Women of Influence by
12 the Atlanta Business League, was a recipient of the Women Who Pay it 4Ward award from
13 BMW USA, and was honored with the Sandra Anderson Bacchus Legacy Award from the
14 National Black Arts Festival; and

15 WHEREAS, she is a civic-minded woman and an engaged member of her community, being
16 a member of the Women's Leadership Forum of the Democratic National Committee, a
17 founding member of Electing Women Alliance Atlanta, a founding member of the Atlanta
18 School for the Arts, and a member of the Atlanta Chapter of Jack and Jill of America Inc.;;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that this exemplary servant leader be recognized by
21 this body for her contributions to the arts and education in the City of Atlanta, the State of
22 Georgia, and the United States of America.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 congratulate and commend Sonya Halpern for receiving the Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall
25 Servant Leader Award and extend the most sincere best wishes for her continued success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Sonya Halpern.