

Senate Resolution 954

By: Senators Rahman of the 5th, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st, Karinshak of the 48th and Harrell of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the residents of Gwinnett County for electing a diverse group of community
2 leaders into office and recognizing this diverse group of elected officials from Gwinnett
3 County in the Georgia State Senate; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in 2017 and 2018, the residents of Gwinnett County elected a diverse group of
5 community leaders into office; and

6 WHEREAS, Marlene Fosque was elected in 2018 to represent District 4 of Gwinnett County,
7 which includes Braselton, Sugar Hill, Lawrenceville, Rest Haven, and Buford, as the first
8 African American member of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners; and

9 WHEREAS, Ben Ku was elected in 2018 to represent District 2 of Gwinnett County, which
10 includes Peachtree Corners, Berkeley Lake, Lilburn, Tucker, and Norcross, as the first
11 Chinese American and openly gay member of the Gwinnett County Board of
12 Commissioners; and

13 WHEREAS, Rhonda Colvin-Leary was elected in 2018 as the first African American state
14 court judge in Gwinnett County; and

15 WHEREAS, Brian Whiteside was elected in 2018 as the first African American
16 solicitor-general of Gwinnett County; and

17 WHEREAS, Everton Blair was elected in 2018 to represent District 4 of Gwinnett County,
18 which includes Berkmar, Grayson, Meadowcreek, Brookwood, Parkview, Shiloh, and South
19 Gwinnett Clusters, as the first African American and openly gay member of the Gwinnett
20 County Board of Education; and

21 WHEREAS, Craig L. Newton was elected in 2017 as the mayor of Norcross, making him the
22 first African American mayor of a city in Gwinnett County; and

23 WHEREAS, Sheikh Rahman was elected in 2018 as one of the first Asian Americans elected
24 to the Georgia State Senate.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 commend the residents of Gwinnett County for electing a diverse group of community
27 leaders into office and recognize this diverse group of elected officials from Gwinnett
28 County in the Georgia State Senate.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Marlene Fosque,
31 Ben Ku, Rhonda Colvin-Leary, Brian Whiteside, Everton Blair, Craig L. Newton, and Sheikh
32 Rahman.