

Senate Resolution 630

By: Senators Merritt of the 9th, Rahman of the 5th, Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Laura Drake; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Georgia, Laura Drake has served her local community for
3 over 20 years by assisting families who are struggling with basic needs; and
- 4 WHEREAS, her journey with volunteerism began with the Lawrenceville Cooperative
5 Ministry, where she learned how to service people with dignity and care, which was
6 instrumental in laying the framework for her future; and
- 7 WHEREAS, for the past 14 years, Laura has served as the executive director of the Southeast
8 Gwinnett Cooperative Ministry (SE Gwinnett Co-op) in Grayson, Georgia, which operates
9 primarily as a food pantry and assists qualifying families with emergency financial
10 assistance; and
- 11 WHEREAS, since the onset of the pandemic, the SE Gwinnett Co-op has distributed nearly
12 2.5 million pounds of pantry resources and \$600,000 in emergency financial assistance; and
- 13 WHEREAS, this outstanding citizen has had a tremendous impact on her community through
14 her spirit of service and desire to improve the quality of life in the Gwinnett area; and

15 WHEREAS, this remarkable Georgian has established a glowing reputation of renown
16 throughout Georgia for her dedication and high ideals; and

17 WHEREAS, Laura has been dedicated to providing unparalleled service and support, and she
18 remains steadfastly committed to the principles of skill, integrity, and responsibility; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
20 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 recognize and commend Laura Drake for her many wonderful contributions on behalf of
23 those in need and extend best wishes for success and prosperity in the future.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Laura Drake.