

Senate Resolution 22

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Judy Purnell on receiving the 2022 Lifetime Achievement
2 Alumni Award from the Tuskegee University College of Arts and Sciences; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Judy Purnell, a historian and educator with vast knowledge of the history of
5 Columbus, Georgia, has dedicated her life to gathering information, teaching it, and
6 recording it for generations to come; and

7 WHEREAS, she recalls visiting South Africa and the home of Nelson Mandela, where he
8 was arrested; her visit was during the repatriation period, and she says it was like going back
9 in time; and

10 WHEREAS, Judy believes that there are still Nelson Mandelas in the world who believe it's
11 possible for all people to be equal and unified; Mandela's legacy, she says, will always be the
12 cry for freedom and equality; and

13 WHEREAS, while a professor at Columbus State University, she taught a course titled
14 African and African American Culture, and when she reached the topic of great African
15 leaders, Nelson Mandela was always part of the course; and

16 WHEREAS, she was recently awarded the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Alumni Award from
17 the Tuskegee University College of Arts and Sciences, and she is now in the ranks of none
18 other than Booker T. Washington; and

19 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high
20 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens, she is a person of magnanimous
21 strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, she possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through experience and the
24 strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

25 WHEREAS, by the example Judy has made of her life, she makes this world a better place
26 in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be appropriately honored.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize and commend Judy Purnell on receiving the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Alumni
29 Award from the Tuskegee University College of Arts and Sciences and express their most
30 sincere best wishes for continued success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Judy Purnell.