

Senate Resolution 980

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Harrell of the 40th, Jackson of the 41st, Parent of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring District Attorney Sherry Boston for her historic leadership, distinguished legal
2 career, and dedicated service as District Attorney of DeKalb County; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, District Attorney Sherry Boston has devoted her professional life to upholding
4 the rule of law, protecting victims, and strengthening public safety through fair and ethical
5 prosecution; and

6 WHEREAS, District Attorney Boston is a proud graduate of Spelman College, where she
7 earned her undergraduate degree, and Emory University School of Law, where she earned
8 her Juris Doctor, preparing her for a career rooted in service, leadership, and justice; and

9 WHEREAS, she began her prosecutorial career in the DeKalb County District Attorney's
10 Office, where she served as an Assistant District Attorney and later as a Senior Assistant
11 District Attorney, handling complex felony cases and earning a reputation for diligence,
12 integrity, and courtroom excellence; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2016, Sherry Boston was elected District Attorney of DeKalb County,
14 becoming the first African American woman to hold the office, marking a historic milestone
15 in the county's legal and civic history; and

16 WHEREAS, under her leadership, the DeKalb County District Attorney's Office has
17 implemented innovative, data-driven strategies designed to reduce violent crime, support
18 victims, and improve efficiency within the criminal justice system; and

19 WHEREAS, District Attorney Boston has prioritized victim advocacy and community
20 engagement, strengthening partnerships with law enforcement agencies, community
21 organizations, and neighborhood stakeholders to ensure a collaborative approach to public
22 safety; and

23 WHEREAS, she has championed initiatives focused on accountability courts, youth
24 intervention programs, and evidence-based alternatives that seek to break cycles of
25 recidivism while maintaining firm prosecution of violent offenders; and

26 WHEREAS, District Attorney Boston's historic leadership and tireless dedication reflect a
27 steadfast commitment to transparency, ethical standards, and restoring and maintaining
28 public trust in the justice system, and through her service she continues to serve as a role
29 model for aspiring attorneys and public servants across the State of Georgia.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 honor and commend District Attorney Sherry Boston for her historic achievements,
32 exemplary leadership, and unwavering commitment to justice and public safety as District
33 Attorney of DeKalb County.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to District Attorney
36 Sherry Boston.