

## Senate Resolution 859

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Wicks of the 34th, Harbison of the 15th, Sims of the 12th, Davenport of the 17th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Yolanda J. Edwards for her outstanding leadership,  
2 humanitarian service, and community impact; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Yolanda J. Edwards has long been recognized by the citizens of this state  
4 for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the  
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she honorably served in the United States Army from January 18, 1983, to  
7 November 25, 1996, and she answered the call to serve again from September 23, 2001, to  
8 November 30, 2007, continuing her commitment to duty, leadership, and country; and

9 WHEREAS, extending her lifelong service beyond the military, Dr. Edwards founded Her  
10 Waters, Inc., in January 2017; and

11 WHEREAS, through this nonprofit organization, she has expanded access, skills  
12 development, leadership opportunities, and representation in water and outdoor spaces across  
13 the State of Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, through inclusive, hands-on fishing and fly-fishing programs, Her Waters, Inc.,  
15 participants gain confidence, wellness support, mentorship, and environmental stewardship  
16 skills; and

17 WHEREAS, the organization's signature initiative, "She Said YES to the Fly," encourages  
18 women, particularly women veterans and Black women, to say "yes" to fly fishing as a  
19 pathway to healing, leadership development, personal growth, and increased representation  
20 in outdoor spaces; and

21 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high  
22 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens, and she possesses the vast wisdom  
23 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved  
24 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

25 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
26 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 recognize and commend Dr. Yolanda J. Edwards and extend the most sincere best wishes for  
31 continued health and happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Yolanda J.  
34 Edwards.