

Senate Resolution 893

By: Senators Wicks of the 34th, Rhett of the 33rd and Harbison of the 15th

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Staff Sergeant (Ret.) Judith L. Cotten; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant (Ret.) Judith L. Cotten valiantly and courageously served as a  
3 guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army for 21 years,  
4 retiring as a Non-Commissioned Officer in 2001; and
- 5 WHEREAS, upon retiring from military service, she became a resident of Clayton County,  
6 Georgia, where she has continued a distinguished record of public service, civic leadership,  
7 and community engagement; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she has built an extensive post-military career as a licensed realtor, broker, real  
9 estate instructor, and life and health insurance producer, including ownership and leadership  
10 of multiple real estate and insurance enterprises serving communities across Georgia; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant (Ret.) Cotten has demonstrated sustained civic leadership  
12 through service as Chairwoman of the Clayton County Land Bank Board, membership on  
13 the Clayton County Veterans Advisory Board, and mentorship within the Clayton County  
14 Veterans Treatment Court; and

15 WHEREAS, she is a lifetime member and leader within the National Association of Black  
16 Military Women Inc. as well as the founder and national president of Omicron Nu Xi  
17 Military Sorority Inc. and its affiliated auxiliaries, organizations dedicated to service and  
18 global humanitarian outreach; and

19 WHEREAS, her lifetime of service has been formally recognized through the Presidential  
20 Lifetime Achievement Award and an Honorary Doctorate in Humanitarianism, and she  
21 continues to serve her community through faith-based leadership and civic involvement; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this veteran and community leader be  
23 appropriately honored for her enduring service to the State of Georgia and this nation.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 recognize and commend Staff Sergeant (Ret.) Judith L. Cotten for her distinguished military  
26 service, civic leadership, and continued dedication to public service and extend best wishes  
27 for continued success, health, and happiness.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Staff Sergeant  
30 (Ret.) Judith L. Cotten.