

Senate Resolution 913

By: Senators Howard of the 35th, James of the 28th, Rhett of the 33rd, Anderson of the 43rd and Davenport of the 17th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Debra Howard; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Debra Howard was born on March 5, 1951, and this year she enjoys the
3 delightful distinction of celebrating her 75th birthday; and

4 WHEREAS, following her retirement after a 36-year career as a human resources manager
5 with Consolidated Edison Company in New York City, Debra Howard and her husband,
6 Nathaniel, relocated to Smyrna, Georgia, in December 2012, where they have since made
7 their home in the Vinings community; and

8 WHEREAS, she is an active and devoted member of Turner Chapel AME Church in
9 Marietta, Georgia, where she serves faithfully with the Golden Agers' Ministry and
10 represents the church in collaborative efforts within the AME district; and

11 WHEREAS, she has consistently extended her service beyond her church, dedicating her
12 time to community volunteerism, jobseeker coaching, civic engagement within her
13 homeowners association, advocacy for individuals with mental disabilities through her
14 leadership with NAMI Cobb, and support for educational opportunity through her
15 involvement with POSSE Atlanta; and

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16 WHEREAS, a kind and generous person, Debra Howard brings joy and happiness to her
17 family and to the many friends and neighbors who have the great pleasure of knowing her;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, she has witnessed a dramatic change in the world over the course of her
20 lifetime, and we salute her contributions to its progress through her tireless efforts on behalf
21 of her community and extended family; and

22 WHEREAS, by the example Debra Howard has made of her life, she makes this world a
23 better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be appropriately
24 honored during this very special and memorable time.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 commend Debra Howard for her unselfish, dedicated, and loving service to the members of
27 her family and community; congratulate her on the remarkable occasion of her 75th birthday;
28 and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Debra Howard.