

Senate Resolution 1042

By: Senator Mallow of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 23rd Annual Juneteenth Celebration by the Daughters of Mary Magdalene
2 and commending Pamela Howard Oglesby-Fox; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and
4 emphasizes cultural pride through events inspired by recollections of our ancestors' and
5 grandparents' struggles against slavery and segregation, and their fight for freedom, dignity,
6 justice, and equality for generations to come; and

7 WHEREAS, the Daughters of Mary Magdalene is a nonprofit community organization that
8 serves areas lacking economic, social, and cultural resources by offering educational
9 materials, mentoring, and oral history griots to motivate and help uplift people to reach their
10 full potential; and

11 WHEREAS, the theme for this year's Juneteenth celebration is, "Rebuild, Reconstruct and
12 Re-Educate!"; and

13 WHEREAS, one of the highlights of the Juneteenth celebration is the Honorees Program,
14 which recognizes ordinary people who exemplify extraordinary character and dedicate their

15 life's work to helping an benefitting children, young adults, and others throughout the
16 community; and

17 WHEREAS, Pamela Howard Oglesby-Fox is being recognized as a 2026 Juneteenth
18 Celebration Honoree; and

19 WHEREAS, a native of Savannah, Pamela is a 1971 graduate of Woodville-Tompkins High
20 School and Gupton-Jones College of Mortuary Science, where she graduated with honors in
21 1976 from the Diploma Program and later earned an Associate of Science degree in Funeral
22 Services in 1987; and

23 WHEREAS, Pamela Howard Oglesby-Fox made history as the first woman to operate as a
24 licensed Embalmer in Savannah-Chatham County where she is also a licensed Funeral
25 Director, making her a trailblazer in her field; and

26 WHEREAS, beyond her professional accomplishments, Pamela is widely recognized as a
27 dedicated community activist and advocate. She is the co-author of Savannah's Black "First
28 Ladies", a work that chronicles the stories of African-American women who achieved
29 historic "firsts" in Savannah and helped shape the city's progress; and

30 WHEREAS, Pamela has served on numerous boards and committees throughout the
31 community. She currently serves on the ADA Appeals Board for Chatham Area Transit. She
32 is also a Founding Member of the Ivory Bay Community Development Corporation and The
33 Weeping Time Commemoration Committee; and

34 WHEREAS, Pamela is married to Mr. Aaron R. Fox, and of all her accomplishments, Pamela
35 considers her greatest blessings to be her family: her daughter Taiyanika, her grandson
36 Terrence, and her four great-grandchildren; and

37 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the Daughters of Mary
38 Magdalene for presenting the longest-serving Juneteenth celebration in Savannah, of more
39 than 23 years, and commend Pamela Howard Oglesby-Fox as a 2026 Juneteenth Celebration
40 Honoree.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
42 recognize and commend the Daughters of Mary Magdalene and Pamela Howard
43 Oglesby-Fox.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
45 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Daughters of
46 Mary Magdalene and Pamela Howard Oglesby-Fox.