

## Senate Resolution 331

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Butler of the 55th, Orrock of the 36th, Harrell of the 40th and Jackson of the 41st

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Renee Montgomery; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Renee Montgomery is a former American basketball player, sports broadcaster,  
3 and businesswoman who is currently vice president, part-owner, and investor of the Atlanta  
4 Dream; and

5 WHEREAS, during her 11 year career playing in the Women's National Basketball  
6 Association, Renee won two championships with the Minnesota Lynx (2015, 2017) and won  
7 a national championship with the UConn Huskies (2009); and

8 WHEREAS, while attending South Charleston High School Montgomery, she was the  
9 captain of her basketball team each year of her high school career and also played on the  
10 varsity soccer team; and

11 WHEREAS, after being admitted to the University of Connecticut Montgomery, she  
12 continued to excel in basketball, and in 2006, she was named Big East Conference Freshman  
13 of the Year; in her sophomore year, she led the USA U-20 National Team to a gold medal  
14 during the summer prior to the start of the season at the FIBA U-20 Championship for

15 Women in Mexico City, and during her senior year, she became the first Husky to be  
16 recognized in the "Huskies of Honor" while still playing in a Husky uniform; and

17 WHEREAS, Renee began her WNBA career with the Minnesota Lynx in 2009, and on  
18 February 1, 2018, she signed a multi-year contract with the Atlanta Dream as the team's  
19 starting point guard; and

20 WHEREAS, she has had a remarkable career in the United States, being a six-time Woman  
21 of the Year and two-time WNBA Champion who has played on basketball teams overseas  
22 in countries such as Israel, Australia, Lithuania, and Russia; and

23 WHEREAS, off the basketball court, Renee is a social justice activist who has used her early  
24 retirement from the sport as a statement against racism and the need for social justice reform;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, in February 2021, she became part-owner of the Atlanta Dream, making her the  
27 first former WNBA player to become an executive and owner of a WNBA franchise.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 recognize Renee Montgomery for her contributions to the sport of basketball and extend the  
30 most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
33 press.