

## Senate Resolution 360

By: Senators Still of the 48th, Dixon of the 45th, Cowser of the 46th, Islam of the 7th,  
Merritt of the 9th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Fred Cephas; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Fred Cephas was recently appointed as the first Black Fire Chief of Gwinnett
- 3 County Fire and Emergency Services by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners,
- 4 effective April 1, 2023; and
- 5 WHEREAS, with a pre-existing record of exemplary service, this outstanding individual will
- 6 bring decades of experience and expertise to this new role; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Fred Cephas has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of
- 8 his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state; and
- 9 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience and
- 10 diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have
- 11 earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and
- 12 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high
- 13 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and he possesses the vast wisdom

14 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved  
15 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

16 WHEREAS, Fred Cephas is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable  
17 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
19 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 recognize and commend Fred Cephas for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated  
22 service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health  
23 and happiness.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Fred Cephas.