

Senate Resolution 401

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Maria Boynton; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Maria Boynton, PhD, is a distinguished radio morning news anchor with
3 V103 and WAOK radio as well as host of Atlanta Up Close, and she has been a champion
4 and advocate of empowerment for marginalized communities, families, and individuals
5 through a plethora of professional and civic engagement involvements; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Boynton is a proud alumnae of Albany State University, where she was a
7 student leader on the University Disciplinary Committee, participated in the ASU players and
8 ASU marching and concert bands, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in speech and
9 theater and later earned a Doctor of Philosophy and human letters degree from Trinity
10 International University; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Boynton has been a member of the Atlanta Press Club, Society of
12 Professional Journalists, National Council of Negro Women-Greater Atlanta Section,
13 National Kidney Foundation, League of Women Voters Atlanta-Fulton County, Atlanta
14 NAACP, National Pan Hellenic Council of Greater Atlanta, Sickle Cell Foundation, National
15 African American Insurance Association, and Davis Direction Foundation, and she is
16 currently serving on the National Kidney Foundation's Atlanta Advisory Board; and

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17 WHEREAS, as a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., a public service organization,
18 she is committed to boldly confronting challenges that African Americans face in a wide
19 range of programs, addressing economic development, education, physical and mental health,
20 international development, and the strengthening of the African American family; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Boynton also is a member of Tau Beta Sigma National Band Sorority
22 honorary service and leadership organizations serving college and university band programs
23 through service projects, fundraisers, social events, and other projects designed to promote
24 the welfare those programs; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Boynton has been honored many times throughout her career, including two
26 Peabody Awards; two DuPont Awards for collaborative efforts; various Associated Press
27 awards; an Atlanta Association of Black Journalists Award; recognition through a resolution
28 of the Georgia House of Representatives for her career and community contributions;
29 recognition as an International Trailblazer; being named among Atlanta's Top 100 Black
30 Women of Influence by the Atlanta Business League; and induction into the Georgia
31 Association of Broadcasters 2021 Hall of Fame.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 recognize and commend Dr. Maria Boynton for her many wonderful accomplishments and
34 contributions on behalf of those in need as well as extend the most sincere wishes for future
35 health and happiness.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Maria
38 Boynton.