

Senate Resolution 276

By: Senator James of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Layli Maparyan; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Layli Maparyan, co-founder and board member of the University
3 Consortium for Liberia (UCL), was appointed as the 16th President of the University of
4 Liberia on January 10, 2025, at the Fendall Campus in Louisiana, Montserrado County,
5 Republic of Liberia; and

6 WHEREAS, her appointment was made by His Excellency Joseph Nyuma Boakai Sr.,
7 President of the Republic of Liberia, following the approval of the University's Board of
8 Trustees in accordance with the University of Liberia's Charter; and

9 WHEREAS, her selection followed a rigorous search process conducted by the University
10 of Liberia Board of Trustees' Search Committee, which identified her as a leading candidate
11 for the position; and

12 WHEREAS, since her induction, Dr. Maparyan has upheld the "Five Es" of Education,
13 Effectiveness, Efficiency, Excellence, and Ethics as well as worked to enhance the
14 university's academic standing; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Maparyan has previously served as Associate Professor and Assistant
16 Professor at Georgia State University's Women's Studies Institute and as Assistant Professor
17 at the University of Georgia's Department of Psychology and Institute for African American
18 Studies; and

19 WHEREAS, she holds a PhD in psychology from Temple University, a Master of Science
20 in psychology from Penn State University, and an undergraduate degree in philosophy from
21 Spelman College; and

22 WHEREAS, she was the first post-war Fulbright Specialist at the University of Liberia in
23 2010 and has been recognized with numerous honors, including the Distinguished Citizen
24 Award for Service to the Liberian Community in 2009; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable individual be
26 appropriately honored during this special time.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize and commend Dr. Layli Maparyan upon her induction as the 16th President of the
29 University of Liberia as well as extend sincere best wishes for continued success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Layli
32 Maparyan.