

Senate Resolution 296

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 17th, Wicks of the 34th, Rhett of the 33rd, Harbison of the 15th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Petty Officer (Ret.) Diesha Blackmon; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Petty Officer (Ret.) Diesha Blackmon served as a guardian of this nation's
3 freedom and liberty with the United States Navy, demonstrating exceptional dedication
4 throughout her distinguished military career; and
- 5 WHEREAS, born on July 16, 1985, to Billy Ranaldson and Shirley Andrews-McCray, she
6 spent most of her early years in Florida before moving to Augusta, Georgia, where she
7 graduated from George P. Butler High School in 2003; and
- 8 WHEREAS, after attending Fort Valley State University to study biology and sports
9 medicine, she enlisted in the United States Navy in 2009 as an Aviation Ordnanceman,
10 completing boot camp in Chicago, Illinois; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she continued her military training in Pensacola, Florida, before attending
12 C-school in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and subsequently serving aboard the *USS Carl Vinson*;
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14 WHEREAS, she completed her exemplary Navy career as a Petty Officer at NAS Lemoore,
15 receiving an honorable discharge in September 2019; and

16 WHEREAS, following her military service, she pursued further education in nursing and
17 psychology, and she now serves as a Life Coach as well as contributes to the Atlanta Chapter
18 of the National Association of Black Military Women; and

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

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 recognize and commend Petty Officer (Ret.) Diesha Blackmon for her exceptional military
23 service and continued contributions to her community as well as extend the most sincere best
24 wishes for future health and happiness.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Petty Officer
27 (Ret.) Diesha Blackmon.