

Senate Resolution 298

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 LaVeda Bennett; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, LaVeda Bennett has dedicated her life to service, demonstrating exceptional
3 commitment to her country, her fellow veterans, and her community throughout her
4 distinguished career and advocacy efforts; and

5 WHEREAS, born in Chicago to renowned guitarist Wayne Bennett and evangelist Pravella
6 Washington, she graduated from William Anderson Bass High School in Atlanta in 1976;
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8 WHEREAS, she enlisted in the United States Marine Corps a day before her 20th birthday,
9 serving for 20 years and participating in major conflicts while excelling as a member of the
10 All-Marine Women's Softball Team and the Commander's Bowling Teams; and

11 WHEREAS, a tireless advocate for veterans, she has dedicated innumerable hours of her
12 time and energy toward the Atlanta VA Women's Wellness Clinic, serving as the Volunteer
13 Representative for Women Veterans, and she played a pivotal role in DeKalb County's
14 proclamation of "She Served Too," recognizing the contributions of women veterans; and

15 WHEREAS, she has amassed over 100,000 volunteer hours advocating for veterans,
16 particularly women and homeless veterans, earning two Presidential Lifetime Achievement
17 Awards, five proclamations, and numerous recognitions for her dedicated service; and

18 WHEREAS, a respected leader in her community, she has worked with government officials
19 in DeKalb, Clayton, and Henry counties, served on many boards, and launched impactful
20 community programs such as "Her Valor," "Watch Me Grow," and "Carey's Garden," which
21 educate children and community members on gardening and sustainability; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize and commend LaVeda Bennett for her exceptional service, tireless advocacy for
26 veterans, and unwavering dedication to her community as well as extend the most sincere
27 best wishes for continued success in all her endeavors.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to LaVeda Bennett.