

Senate Resolution 333

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Halpern of the 39th, Jackson of the 41st, Parent of the 44th,
Jones II of the 22nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Karl Webster Barnes; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Karl Webster Barnes is a distinguished leader in community development and
3 historic preservation whose efforts have significantly shaped Atlanta's historic neighborhoods
4 and strengthened economic development in underserved areas; and

5 WHEREAS, his more than two decades of leadership includes service on the Zoning Review
6 Board, the Board of Zoning Adjustment, the Atlanta Renewal Community Coordinating
7 Responsible Authority, and the board of Atlanta Emerging Markets Inc., which promotes
8 economic development in underserved communities; and

9 WHEREAS, as a contract consultant and project manager for the Morehouse College
10 Community Revitalization Initiative, he helped secure federal grants that supported
11 entrepreneurship and economic growth in the neighborhoods surrounding the Atlanta
12 University Center Consortium; and

13 WHEREAS, he played a pivotal role in the expansion of the West End Historic District in
14 collaboration with Georgia State Senator Vincent Fort, securing funding under Governor Roy
15 Barnes to strengthen its historical recognition and reach; and

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16 WHEREAS, he further conducted research and contributed to the West End Historic District
17 nomination presented to the United States Department of the Interior, the National Park
18 Service, and the Urban Design Commission of the City of Atlanta; and

19 WHEREAS, his dedication to historic preservation led him to chair the Georgia African
20 American Historic Preservation Network, where he has worked to protect significant African
21 American historic sites and contributed to the nomination of the Adair Park Historic District
22 to the National Register of Historic Places; and

23 WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Land Use and
24 Zoning Trailblazer Award from the West End Neighborhood Development organization and
25 the Georgia Tech Alumni Association's Trailblazer Award; and

26 WHEREAS, Karl Webster Barnes' efforts have left a lasting impact on Atlanta, ensuring that
27 its historic neighborhoods are preserved while continuing to foster sustainable growth and
28 development, making it fitting and proper that he be appropriately honored.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 commend Karl Webster Barnes for his many exemplary years of service to community
31 development and historic preservation as well as extend their best wishes for future health,
32 happiness, and success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Karl Webster
35 Barnes.