

Senate Resolution 421

By: Senator James of the 28th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Willene White-Smith; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Willene White-Smith is a dedicated public servant and community leader who  
3 has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to education, public safety, and the advancement  
4 of Morris Brown College and its alumni; and

5 WHEREAS, she devoted 34 years of exemplary service to the Georgia Bureau of  
6 Investigation (GBI) as the Manager of Georgia's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) and  
7 Family Violence (FV) Programs, overseeing the collection and dissemination of critical  
8 crime data reported by more than 700 law enforcement agencies across the state; and

9 WHEREAS, a proud graduate of Morris Brown College, she earned a Bachelor of Science  
10 in business management on May 15, 1977, and continued her studies at Oglethorpe  
11 University and Columbus Command College through the GBI; and

12 WHEREAS, she has remained a steadfast advocate for Morris Brown College through her  
13 leadership in the Morris Brown College Alumni Association, serving as the 8th and 10th  
14 president of the Women for Morris Brown College Inc.; and

15 WHEREAS, she has further contributed to the Morris Brown College community through  
16 her involvement with the MBC Friends of Fountain Hall, the MBC Alumni Focus Group, and  
17 the MBC DeKalb Alumni Chapter; and

18 WHEREAS, her unwavering commitment to education, service, and historical preservation  
19 extends beyond her alma mater, as evidenced by her active participation in the Atlanta  
20 HBCU Alliance and the AIAC-UNCF Chapter, supporting historically Black colleges and  
21 universities throughout the region; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 recognize and commend Willene White-Smith for her outstanding career in public service  
26 and her unwavering dedication to Morris Brown College as well as extend best wishes for  
27 her continued success.

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 Willene  
30 White-Smith.