

## Senate Resolution 459

By: Senators Wicks of the 34th, Rahman of the 5th, Harrell of the 40th, Mangham of the 55th, James of the 28th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and recognizing Edith Marie McGuire; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Edith Marie McGuire was born June 3, 1944, in Atlanta, Georgia, and grew up  
3 in the Rockdale Community; and
- 4 WHEREAS, after graduating from Archer High School, she attended Tennessee State  
5 University, became a TSU Tigerbelle, and joined Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and
- 6 WHEREAS, under Coach Ed Temple, Edith began her Olympic journey at the 1963  
7 Pan-American Games in São Paulo, Brazil, where she won first place in the 100m and the  
8 400m relay; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Edith was the top female sprinter, winning six AAU Championships over  
10 several years, and is the only American female ever to hold three AAU titles at different  
11 times, in the 100m, 200m, and the long jump, making her an AAU All-American in all three  
12 events; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in 1964, she was among the 10 finalists for the James E. Sullivan Award, given  
14 to the Outstanding Amateur Athlete of the Year in the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, in the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo, Japan, Edith won an Olympic gold medal in  
16 the 200m, and silver medals in the 100m and 400m relay, earning her the title of second  
17 African American female to win 3 medals in the same Olympic Games; and

18 WHEREAS, Atlanta Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr., declared January 25, 1965, as Edith McGuire  
19 Day, and the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce awarded Edith the Native Daughter Trophy; and

20 WHEREAS, under President Lyndon B. Johnson's Administration, Edith was appointed as  
21 a Goodwill Ambassador to East Africa, and in 2016, she was awarded the Lifetime  
22 Achievement Award from President Barack Obama; and

23 WHEREAS, she received the NCAA Silver Anniversary Award for outstanding athletes who  
24 made significant contributions through their career achievements, and was inducted into the  
25 United States Track and Field Hall of Fame, Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, Georgia Sports  
26 Hall of Fame, and the Atlanta Sports Hall of Fame; and

27 WHEREAS, currently, she resides in Fayette County with her beloved husband, Charles,  
28 whom she manages several McDonald's franchises with; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to honor the outstanding achievements and  
30 hard work of this exemplary Georgian.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 honor and recognize the achievements Edith Marie McGuire and extend sincere best wishes  
33 for her continued health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Edith Marie  
36 McGuire.