

Senate Resolution 511

By: Senator James of the 28th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Michelle Taylor Willis; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Michelle Taylor Willis is a distinguished graduate of the University of Florida  
3 and a dynamic trailblazer who has earned accolades as a media executive, author, speaker,  
4 actress, and strategic advisor; and

5 WHEREAS, as Founder and CEO of Gagnant Media and Publisher of *SoFu Lifestyle*  
6 *Magazine*—a three-time Publication of the Year recipient—she has amplified community  
7 voices and advanced storytelling throughout metro Atlanta; and

8 WHEREAS, Michelle Taylor Willis has become a respected voice on national platforms,  
9 sharing her insight as a speaker, panelist, and moderator for organizations such as the  
10 National Urban League, Blacks in Tech, National Bar Association, and United Way; and

11 WHEREAS, she has additionally championed positive parenting through her nationally  
12 recognized book, *Raising Significance: A Guide to Well-Rounded, Independent, and*  
13 *Confident Kids*, which was featured on *The Tamron Hall Show*; and

14 WHEREAS, a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Michelle Taylor Willis  
15 coined and trademarked the term SoFu® to unite and elevate the eight cities of South Fulton  
16 County; and

17 WHEREAS, her commitment to the community is further reflected in her leadership on  
18 several boards, including service as Vice Chair of the Atlanta-Fulton Library Foundation and  
19 past officer roles with the Morris Brown College Foundation, United Way Advisory Board  
20 South Fulton, and Théâtre du Rêve; and

21 WHEREAS, her leadership and innovation have earned her widespread recognition,  
22 including honors as one of the Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Atlanta, Top 25 Most  
23 Extraordinary Atlantans, and frequent placements on Georgia's Top 100 lists; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 recognize and commend Michelle Taylor Willis for her entrepreneurial vision, community  
28 advocacy, and exemplary career contributions as well as extend best wishes for continued  
29 success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Michelle Taylor  
32 Willis.