

Senate Resolution 547

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Wicks of the 34th, Anderson of the 43rd, Rhett of the 33rd and Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Shelly-Ann Simpson on Women Veterans Appreciation Day
2 at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Shelly-Ann Simpson serves as the Executive Director for Field Operations and
4 Appeals for the Georgia Department of Veterans Service, the state agency created for the
5 purpose of advising and assisting veterans and their families through the complex process
6 of receiving benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; and

7 WHEREAS, appointed in June 2022, she leads over 75 percent of the department's
8 workforce as they assist veterans with navigating the VA Claims and Appeals process; and

9 WHEREAS, she joined the United States Army Reserves in 1994, and was deployed as part
10 of NATO's peace keeping mission in Bosnia in support of Operation Joint Endeavor/Joint
11 Guard in 1997, for which she earned a NATO medal; and

12 WHEREAS, she has served as the Department's Women Veterans' coordinator and the
13 Department Service Officer for the American Legion and is a tireless advocate for veterans
14 in the state of Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this
16 exemplary veteran are appropriately honored.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 recognize and commend Shelly-Ann Simpson for the dedication, bravery, and sacrifices she
19 has made to serve her country and extend sincere best wishes for her continued health,
20 happiness, and success.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Shelly-Ann
23 Simpson.