

## Senate Resolution 862

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Wicks of the 34th, Sims of the 12th, Davenport of the 17th, Rhett of the 33rd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Sydney Jakes for receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki  
2 T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1999, Representative Nikki T. Randall became the first African American  
4 female elected to the General Assembly from middle Georgia, and over her 17 years of  
5 service as a legislator, she held numerous leadership positions, including chair of the Georgia  
6 Women's Legislative Caucus; and

7 WHEREAS, every year during Women's History Month, the Georgia Women's Legislative  
8 Caucus recognizes outstanding women in Georgia who exemplify the leadership and  
9 inspiration embodied by Representative Randall; and

10 WHEREAS, Sydney Jakes is passionate attorney, devoted servant leader, and dedicated  
11 member of The Twenty Pearls Foundation, Inc., and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Tau  
12 Epsilon Omega Chapter; and

13 WHEREAS, she is a Senior Attorney and operational leader at the Law Offices of Samuel  
14 Jakes, Jr., LLC; and

15 WHEREAS, with a heart for service and a steadfast commitment to progress, Sydney Jakes  
16 has orchestrated dynamic programs that address critical needs within her community; and

17 WHEREAS, she has been instrumental in leading Heart Health Week, the TEO Little Library  
18 book drives, and the Blessings in a Backpack initiative; and

19 WHEREAS, as a Co-chairmen for AKA Day at the Capitol, she passionately advances the  
20 causes of voter equity and education as well as amplifies the voices of marginalized  
21 communities; and

22 WHEREAS, Sydney Jakes' leadership is a beacon of inspiration that serves as a shining  
23 example of integrity, dedication, and unwavering commitment to others; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
25 extraordinary servant leader be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 congratulate and commend Sydney Jakes for receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T.  
28 Randall Servant Leadership Award and extend best wishes for her continued success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Sydney Jakes.