

## Senate Resolution 869

By: Senators Parkes of the 7th, Merritt of the 9th, Parent of the 44th, Jackson of the 41st, Wicks of the 34th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mayor Craig L. Newton; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mayor Craig L. Newton, of Norcross, Georgia, has long been recognized by the  
3 citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal  
4 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in November 2017, Mayor Newton made history as the first African American  
6 mayor elected in Gwinnett County; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he is currently the longest serving Black mayor in Norcross's history; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Norcross, Mayor Newton has diligently and  
9 conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the  
10 betterment of his community; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he has served the City of Norcross for over 20 years, including as Mayor Pro  
12 Tem on the Norcross City Council as well as numerous prestigious positions with local and  
13 regional boards; and

14 WHEREAS, Mayor Newton's significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable  
15 patience and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of  
16 this state have earned him the respect and admiration of all who know him; and

17 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
18 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
20 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
22 recognize and commend Mayor Craig L. Newton for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and  
23 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere best wishes for  
24 continued health and happiness.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
26 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mayor Craig L.  
27 Newton.