

Senate Resolution 970

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Hatchett of the 50th, McLaurin of the 14th, Jones II of the 22nd, Mangham of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commending Justice Verda M. Colvin for her historic achievements,
2 leadership, and distinguished service in the legal profession; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Justice Verda M. Colvin was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, and is a
4 graduate of Daniel McLaughlin Therrell High School; and

5 WHEREAS, Justice Colvin earned her bachelor's degree in government and religion from
6 Sweet Briar College in Virginia and her Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia School
7 of Law, reflecting a strong foundation in public service and the law; and

8 WHEREAS, Justice Colvin's legal career reflects a deep dedication to justice, having served
9 as an Assistant Solicitor in Athens-Clarke County, Assistant General Counsel at Clark
10 Atlanta University, Assistant District Attorney in Clayton County, and Assistant United
11 States Attorney in the Middle District of Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, Justice Colvin also served nearly six years as a Superior Court Judge in the
13 Macon Judicial Circuit, during which time she demonstrated leadership in judicial
14 accountability and reform through service on the Council of Accountability Court Judges and
15 the Council of Superior Court Judges; and

16 WHEREAS, in April 2020, Justice Colvin was appointed to the Georgia Court of Appeals,
17 further solidifying her record of excellence and commitment to justice; and

18 WHEREAS, on July 20, 2021, she was appointed to the Supreme Court of Georgia by
19 Governor Brian Kemp, becoming the first African American woman appointed by a
20 republican governor to the state's highest court, marking a historic milestone in Georgia's
21 judicial history; and

22 WHEREAS, Justice Colvin's leadership extends beyond the bench through her service on
23 numerous professional, educational, and nonprofit boards, reflecting a sustained commitment
24 to civic engagement and community impact; and

25 WHEREAS, Justice Colvin's legacy reflects integrity, leadership, and dedication to
26 advancing fairness, equity, and public trust within Georgia's judicial system.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 honor and commend Justice Verda M. Colvin for her historic achievements, leadership, and
29 distinguished service in the legal profession.

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 Justice Verda M.
32 Colvin.