

Senate Resolution 1018

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th, Rhett of the 33rd, Parent of the 44th, Orrock of the 36th, Harrell of the 40th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mayor Jimmy Daniels Jr. for his outstanding leadership, service, and
2 commitment to the citizens of Oglethorpe and the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mayor Jimmy Daniels Jr. serves with distinction as the current Mayor of the
4 City of Oglethorpe, Georgia, acting as the elected executive for this municipality in Macon
5 County and providing dedicated leadership to its citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, a proud native of Macon County, Georgia, Mayor Daniels is a 2008 graduate
7 of Macon County High School and has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to education,
8 earning an associate degree from Reedley Community College in 2010, a bachelor's degree
9 from Alabama State University in 2013, and a master's degree from Georgia College and
10 State University in 2021; and

11 WHEREAS, in addition to his public service, Mayor Daniels has devoted his professional
12 career to education as a middle school teacher, serving Exceptional Student Education (ESE)
13 students and as the varsity girls head basketball coach at Macon County High School,
14 shaping the minds and futures of countless young people; and

15 WHEREAS, upon returning to his hometown, he founded the E.P.I.C. Mentorship
16 Program—Encouraging, Positive, Inspiring Careers—a community-based initiative dedicated
17 to fostering academic excellence, leadership development, and life skills among youth
18 through tutoring, mentorship, and service; and

19 WHEREAS, further demonstrating his commitment to youth development, Mayor Daniels
20 established the G.E.N.T.S. Club—Growing, Evolving, Nurturing Teenagers—which
21 promotes positive behavior, academic achievement, and leadership among young men
22 through structured mentorship and high standards; and

23 WHEREAS, his service to the community also includes coaching varsity football, serving
24 as a middle school athletic director, and leading multiple youth sports programs, all while
25 instilling discipline, teamwork, and confidence in student-athletes; and

26 WHEREAS, Mayor Daniels' impactful leadership and service have earned him numerous
27 honors, including the NAACP "Making a Difference" Award (2019-2020), recognition as
28 a 40 Under 40 Rural Leader (2022-2023), the Georgia Good Samaritan Honoree Award
29 (2023-2024), and the Fort Valley State Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
30 Community Service Award (2023-2024); and

31 WHEREAS, now serving in his first term, Mayor Daniels continues to exemplify servant
32 leadership while balancing his roles as a motivational speaker, coach, mentor, father, and
33 community advocate; and

34 WHEREAS, guided by his belief that "it's easier to raise young men than repair grown men,"
35 he has dedicated his life to uplifting others and building stronger communities through
36 education, mentorship, and service; and

37 WHEREAS, he is a devoted father to his young daughter and a valued member of his family
38 as the fourth of seven children, enjoying reading, hunting, fishing, coaching, and helping
39 others; and

40 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments,
41 service, and leadership of this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
43 commend Mayor Jimmy Daniels Jr. for his exemplary leadership, dedication to youth
44 development, and unwavering service to the City of Oglethorpe and the State of Georgia.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
46 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mayor Jimmy
47 Daniels Jr.