

Senate Resolution 1041

By: Senator Mallow of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 23rd Annual Juneteenth Celebration by the Daughters of Mary Magdalene
2 and commending Dr. Brenda L. Roberts; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and
4 emphasizes cultural pride through events inspired by recollections of our ancestors' and
5 grandparents' struggles against slavery and segregation, and their fight for freedom, dignity,
6 justice, and equality for generations to come; and

7 WHEREAS, the Daughters of Mary Magdalene is a nonprofit community organization that
8 serves areas lacking economic, social, and cultural resources by offering educational
9 materials, mentoring, and oral history griots to motivate and help uplift people to reach their
10 full potential; and

11 WHEREAS, the theme for this year's Juneteenth celebration is, "Rebuild, Reconstruct and
12 Re-Educate!"; and

13 WHEREAS, one of the highlights of the Juneteenth celebration is the Honorees Program,
14 which recognizes ordinary people who exemplify extraordinary character and dedicate their

15 life's work to helping and benefitting children, young adults, and others throughout the
16 community; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Brenda L. Roberts is being recognized as a 2026 Juneteenth Celebration
18 Honoree; and

19 WHEREAS, a native of Savannah, Brenda is a 1971 graduate of Tompkins High School.
20 She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology from Savannah State University, a
21 Master of Education degree in School Counseling from Georgia Southern University, an
22 Education Specialist degree in Administration and Supervision from Lincoln Memorial
23 University, and a Doctorate in Christian Counseling from Jacksonville Theological
24 Seminary; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Brenda L. Roberts proudly served her country as a Staff Sergeant in the
26 United States Air Force Reserve; and

27 WHEREAS, Brenda devoted 37 years to the youth of Savannah, retiring as a School
28 Counselor from the Savannah-Chatham Public School System after a distinguished career
29 of service. She continues to work with students in the school district in a part-time capacity;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, Brenda served for several years as the voice of "A Moment in Black History"
32 on radio station WSOK 1230 AM, sharing powerful reflections of local African Americans
33 that uplifted and educated the community; and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the Daughters of Mary
35 Magdalene for presenting the longest-serving Juneteenth celebration in Savannah, of more

36 than 23 years, and commend Dr. Brenda L. Roberts as a 2026 Juneteenth Celebration
37 Honoree.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
39 recognize and commend the Daughters of Mary Magdalene and Dr. Brenda L. Roberts.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
41 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Daughters of
42 Mary Magdalene and Dr. Brenda L. Roberts.