

Senate Resolution 297

By: Senators Jones of the 25th, Sims of the 12th, Unterman of the 45th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Parent of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Charles Johnson for his outstanding contributions to
2 advocacy and awareness of maternal health concerns facing Georgia families; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Charles Johnson was recently awarded the 2017 Carolyn Wetzel Continuum
5 Award by the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Charles has played an integral role as a member of the Healthy Mothers, Health
7 Babies Coalition of Georgia Program Advisory Committee and has worked hard to ensure
8 equitable impact for all mothers and babies across Georgia, especially those in underserved
9 areas and those at higher risk for poor health outcomes; and

10 WHEREAS, Charles founded 4Kira4Moms after the sudden passing of his wife, Kira, to
11 advocate for improved maternal health policies and regulations and to promote the idea that
12 maternal mortality should be viewed and discussed as a human rights issue; and

13 WHEREAS, Charles and 4Kira4Moms worked diligently with Congress to pass the
14 Preventing Maternal Deaths Act, HR 1318, to combat the maternal death crisis in the United
15 States; the bill was the first of its kind and was signed into law on December 21, 2018, and
16 is dedicated to the memory of Kira Dixon Johnson; and

17 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of
18 Charles Johnson be appropriately recognized.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 congratulate Charles Johnson on receiving the 2017 Carolyn Wetzel Continuum Award,
21 commend him for his many outstanding contributions on behalf of the families of Georgia,
22 and extend best wishes for his continued growth, development, and success.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Charles Johnson.