

Senate Resolution 392

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Jackson of the 41st and Butler of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Laura Turner Seydel for her exceptional service to the City of Atlanta and the
2 United States through her work and collaborative efforts with organizations that address
3 urgent environmental challenges affecting our life support system; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Laura Turner Seydel was born in Macon, raised in Atlanta, and attended college
5 at Oglethorpe University in Brookhaven, Georgia. Growing up, Ms. Seydel and her husband,
6 Rutherford, now reside in Atlanta with their three children. Their home is one of the first
7 LEED certified gold residences in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Seydel inherited her father's enthusiasm and commitment to environmental
9 protection, which has fueled her desire to advocate for and help improve the environment;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, she currently holds numerous positions in organizations that aim to empower
12 and uplift communities, particularly youth, to become the next generation of environmental
13 stewards and instill the importance of restoring and protecting the natural systems that
14 support our lives through environmentally led efforts; and

15 WHEREAS, she is co-founder and chair of Mothers and Others for Clean Air, which works
16 to improve air quality for at risk populations, mainly children in the Southeast; and

17 WHEREAS, as chair of the Captain Planet Foundation, Ms. Seydel contributes to the
18 cartoon's ability to inspire youth all over the world to care about the environment. For three
19 decades, the foundation has provided grants and hands-on environmental initiatives to over
20 ten million youth; and

21 WHEREAS, she currently serves as a director of Recycle Across America, which works to
22 reduce and reuse one-use plastics and to institute standardized labeling for recycling bins;
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24 WHEREAS, in response to the waste and recycling crisis in the United States and around the
25 world, she co-founded Atlanta Recycles in 2005, and she further serves on the board of
26 Project Drawdown, which focuses on measuring the top scalable methods for combating
27 global warming; and

28 WHEREAS, Ms. Seydel has lived an admirable life based on her love and dedication to
29 protecting and enhancing communities in Georgia and nationally. She has held several
30 positions in influential and impactful community building organizations as well as upheld
31 the legacy of her father, Ted Turner, by holding chair of the Captain Planet Foundation,
32 which invests in elevated solution-based programs that incorporate STEM learning and
33 empower youth to become world wide environmental change-makers.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize Laura Turner Seydel as a passionate women who

36 continues to encourage and equip the world with the knowledge to effectively implement
37 improvements in their neighborhoods.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Laura
40 Turner Seydel.