

## Senate Resolution 759

By: Senators Sims of the 12th, Anderson of the 43rd and Jones of the 10th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Dr. Jean Rawlings Sumner for receiving the 2024 Yellow  
2 Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1999, Representative Nikki T. Randall became the first African American  
4 female elected to the General Assembly from middle Georgia, and over her 17 years of  
5 service as a legislator, she held numerous leadership positions, including chair of the Georgia  
6 Legislative Women's Caucus; and

7 WHEREAS, every year during Women's History Month, the Georgia Legislative Women's  
8 Caucus recognizes outstanding women in Georgia who exemplify the leadership and  
9 inspiration embodied by Representative Randall; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Jean Rawlings Sumner is dean of Mercer University School of Medicine  
11 and has always cared deeply about the health of rural communities, practicing medicine in  
12 Washington and Johnson counties before becoming dean in 2016; and

13 WHEREAS, she has served as hospital chief of staff and nursing home medical director, as  
14 well as a board member, chair, and president of numerous community and state-wide

15 professional organizations and as a governor-appointed member and then president and  
16 medical director of the Georgia Composite Medical Board; and

17 WHEREAS, she is the recipient of the Ralph O. Claypoole Sr. Memorial Award from the  
18 American College of Physicians, the first Georgian to receive this prestigious award, and she  
19 is also a Fellow of the American College of Physicians; and

20 WHEREAS, she has established a glowing reputation of renown throughout Georgia for her  
21 deep personal commitment to the health of rural communities; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
23 extraordinary servant leader be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 congratulate and commend Dr. Jean Rawlings Sumner for receiving the 2024 Yellow Rose  
26 Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award and extend best wishes for her continued success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Jean Rawlings  
29 Sumner.