

Senate Resolution 817

By: Senators Martin of the 9th, Unterman of the 45th, Karinshak of the 48th, Henson of the 41st, Harrell of the 40th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Jann L. Joseph as the third president of Georgia Gwinnett
2 College; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Jann L. Joseph became the third president of Georgia Gwinnett College
4 (GGC) on July 1, 2019. She came to GGC after serving as interim chancellor of Indiana
5 University South Bend in South Bend, Indiana; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph holds a doctorate in curriculum and instruction in science education
7 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison as well as a master's degree in plant science and
8 a bachelor's degree in agriculture, both from the University of the West Indies at St.
9 Augustine in Trinidad and Tobago; and

10 WHEREAS, a lifelong educator, Dr. Joseph has spent her career working to increase
11 educational opportunities and student success; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph served as interim chancellor at Indiana University-South Bend,
13 where she was responsible for the leadership and operation of the campus. Previously, as
14 executive vice chancellor, she was responsible for planning budgets and developing a
15 long-term, sustainable economic model to secure the viability of campus operations; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph was previously dean of the College of Education at Eastern
17 Michigan University. She served as associate dean for professional development and
18 administration in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Grand Valley State University
19 in Michigan. She was also program coordinator for an integrated science education program
20 and a faculty member in the Department of Biology at Grand Valley State University; and

21 WHEREAS, ranked the most ethnically diverse southern regional college, Georgia Gwinnett
22 College offers 18 outstanding degree programs and more than 45 concentrations aligned with
23 the region's economic development needs and opportunities. With almost 13,000 students

24 and more than 7,000 alumni who work in business, industry, and government throughout the
25 world, Georgia Gwinnett College is the path to a brighter future for thousands of Georgians.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize and commend Dr. Jann L. Joseph for her many years of dedicated service to higher
28 education, her community, her state, and this nation; congratulate her upon her appointment
29 as president of Georgia Gwinnett College; and extend their most sincere best wishes for
30 continued success, health, and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Jann L.
33 Joseph.