

House Resolution 364

By: Representatives Mughal of the 105th, McClain of the 109th, Marin of the 96th, Martinez of the 111th, Kennard of the 101st, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and contributions of Dr. Jann Joseph; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, during the spring of 2019, Dr. Jann Joseph was named president of Georgia
3 Gwinnett College; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she was born in Trinidad, West Indies, as the youngest of five siblings; and
- 5 WHEREAS, although neither parent completed elementary school, they valued the power
6 of education to transform lives for generations, and her parents' encouragement and sacrifices
7 inspired her to serve in higher education; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she graduated from the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, with a
9 Bachelor of Science in agriculture in 1984 and a Master of Philosophy in plant science in
10 1989; and
- 11 WHEREAS, her education career started in 1990 as a teacher of agricultural science in
12 Trinidad and Tobago; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1998, she graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, with a
14 doctorate in curriculum and instruction in science education; and

15 WHEREAS, her teaching, research, and administrative experience includes positions at
16 Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan; at Eastern Michigan University in
17 Ypsilanti; and at Indiana University, South Bend, where she served as executive vice
18 chancellor and interim chancellor; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Jann Joseph's professional affiliations include a variety of state and regional
20 education-focused organizations, several of which she served in leadership capacities, and
21 her record of community service is similarly hallmarked by leadership and volunteerism; and

22 WHEREAS, she currently serves as chair of the University System of Georgia Council on
23 General Education. She also serves on the boards of the Atlanta Regional Council for Higher
24 Education, Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Hispanic Chamber, Gwinnett
25 Clean and Beautiful, Rainbow Village, Rowen Foundation, and The Water Tower at
26 Gwinnett.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body honor the life and contributions of Dr. Jann Joseph.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
31 Jann Joseph.