

## Senate Resolution 463

By: Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Esteves of the 6th, Orrock of the 36th and Islam Parkes of the 7th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Makia Metzger on her outstanding public service; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Makia Metzger was born in Freetown, Sierra Leone, and her journey to become  
4 the first African American woman to hold the esteemed position of Cobb County Solicitor  
5 General is reflective of her resilience and determination; and

6 WHEREAS, her arrival in the United States in the 1990s was a stark departure from the  
7 war-torn landscape of Sierra Leone, where she sought refuge from a nation embroiled in a  
8 decade-long conflict; and

9 WHEREAS, educated within the Cobb County school system, Makia attended Campbell  
10 High School in Smyrna and graduated summa cum laude from Georgia State University with  
11 a Bachelor of Arts in political science; and

12 WHEREAS, while attending university, Makia tele-commuted to Atlanta daily and played  
13 a crucial role in raising her younger brother with her single mother, all of which shaped her  
14 into a person of immense respect and compassion as well as instilled within her a strong  
15 work ethic; and

16 WHEREAS, upon obtaining her law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law,  
17 Makia embarked on a nearly two-decade-long career in public service, serving as a senior  
18 attorney in both the Fulton Solicitor's Office and the Fulton District Attorney's Office; and

19 WHEREAS, her historic victory in the 2022 election marked her as the first African  
20 American woman to hold the seat of Cobb County Solicitor General, and in recognition of  
21 the weight of this responsibility, she pledged to uphold principles of fairness, equality, and  
22 justice for all; and

23 WHEREAS, since assuming office, Solicitor General Metzger has made many transformative  
24 changes, increasing office diversity from 2 to 25 percent, fostering an environment that truly  
25 represents the county's demographics, and resolving over 1,000 bench warrants to ensure the  
26 avoidance of unnecessary and unpleasant police-citizen encounters on the county's roadways;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, innovative and forward-thinking, she has implemented technology and systems  
29 to reduce costs and promote digital and paperless prosecution, provided her investigators  
30 with necessary safety gear, and offered free training sessions for law enforcement and  
31 attorneys to enhance their professional skills; and

32 WHEREAS, Solicitor General Metzger has further dedicated her time and energy to local  
33 organizations that provide immediate relief to Cobb County's victims and citizens, helping  
34 them to run book drives and distribute food and clothing; and

35 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
36 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
38 recognize and commend Makia Metzger for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated  
39 public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued  
40 health and happiness.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
42 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Makia Metzger.