

Senate Resolution 679

By: Senator Rhett of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Maria Boynton; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Maria Boynton currently serves as news brand manager and public affairs
3 director for Audacy Atlanta, morning news anchor for V103 and WAOK, and host of the
4 public affairs program *Atlanta Up Close*; and
- 5 WHEREAS, her position at Audacy Atlanta is preceded by many years of experience in
6 some of the country's largest media and broadcast markets, including decades spent covering
7 presidential campaigns and working at CNN; and
- 8 WHEREAS, as a professional journalist, Dr. Boynton has been recently featured in the true
9 crime series *Real Murders of Atlanta* on the Oxygen and Peacock networks; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a proud alumna of Albany State University, she has dedicated innumerable
11 hours of her time and energy toward community service and advocating for financial
12 assistance for students of historically Black colleges and universities; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she serves as a member of the Albany State University Board of Trustees and
14 has served previously as both an executive board member of the Albany State University

15 National Alumni Association and as president of the Albany State University DeKalb County
16 Alumni Chapter; and

17 WHEREAS, as further testament to her dedication to the community, she frequently hosts
18 charity events held by organizations such as the Lupus Foundation of America Georgia
19 Chapter, the National Kidney Foundation, and the American Cancer Society; and

20 WHEREAS, she has received numerous honors and accolades throughout her exemplary
21 career, including the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award, induction into the Georgia
22 Association of Broadcasters' Hall of Fame, the 2021 Legacy Visionary Award, recognition
23 as one of Atlanta's Top 100 Black Women of Influence, and many more; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this distinguished Georgian be once again
25 honored for her years of remarkable work.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize and commend Dr. Maria Boynton for her many wonderful accomplishments and
28 contributions on behalf of those in need as well as extend the most sincere wishes for future
29 health and happiness.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Maria
32 Boynton.