



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A COMMENDATION

WHEREAS: Each March, during Women's History Month, the Georgia Women of Achievement recognize women whose important contributions continue to shape and enrich our society. The honorees and their achievements are celebrated with an induction ceremony; and

WHEREAS: Mary Ann Rutherford Lipscomb, who established the Tallulah Falls School in 1909, was a life long advocate on the importance of education to children and their futures. She worked to abolish child labor and establish compulsory education laws, and she created the first free kindergarten to aid working mothers; and

WHEREAS: Celestine Colley Sibley was a journalist for the Atlanta Constitution whose work covered all major news spanning the 1940s through the 1970s. As a columnist for more than 40 years, she created a strong popular following by sharing her reflections on life in the South. Her combined writings and community service over a lifetime earned her the Shining Light Award in 1999, making her the fifth woman to receive this distinguished local honor; and

WHEREAS: Madrid Loyd Williams, despite a lack of formal education, was the first woman to lead the Georgia Bar Association as its Executive Secretary. During her tenure, the Association grew from 1,389 members in 1942 to 9,600 by 1976. She was also only the third woman to serve as President of the National Association of Bar-Executive Directors; and

WHEREAS: Driven by the legacy of these and many more extraordinary figures, Georgian women from all backgrounds continue to break barriers and fulfill their personal and professional potential, thus helping to move Georgia forward; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the state of Georgia, on the occasion of the 2010 Induction Ceremony, do hereby recognize and commend these and all

GEORGIA WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 3rd day of March, 2010.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST


CHIEF OF STAFF