

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, VETERANS
AFFAIRS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

February 10, 2026

A resolution honoring and commending Rashida Hodge for her being on a global scale in the field of technology as well as philanthropic efforts towards the people of the Virgin Islands through the establishment of the Rashida Hodge Endowment Fund at North Carolina State University

PROPOSED BY: Senator Milton E. Potter
Sponsor: Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

WHEREAS, Rashida Hodge is the daughter of Karen E. Hodge and Dwayne M. DeGraff;

WHEREAS, Ms. Hodge attended the Jane E. Tuitt Elementary School, the Addelita Cancryn Junior High School, and the Charlotte Amalie High School;

WHEREAS, Ms. Hodge attended the North Carolina State University, obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering in 2002, and in 2003, she obtained a Master of Science degree;

WHEREAS, she also obtained a Masters of Business Administration from Duke University;

WHEREAS, from 2001 through 2021, Ms. Hodge worked for International Business Machine b/k/a IBM as its Global Vice-President;

WHEREAS, from 2021 to the present, Ms. Hodge works for Microsoft as its Corporate Vice-President;

WHEREAS, over the course of Ms. Hodge's career, she has received many awards and has been formally recognized for her accomplishment, to include:

- North Carolina State University Industrial and Systems Engineering Young Alumni Award (2018)
- North Carolina State University Young Alumni Award Recipient (2019)
- Founding Member -Black women On Boards (2020)
- Recognized by Forbes Magazine as one of the Women Leading the Fight for More Women in Artificial Intelligence (AI) (2020)
- Fortune Magazine's 40 Under 40 List of Top Emerging Leaders in Technology (2020)
- North Carolina Technology Association's 2021 Tech Woman of the Year (2021)
- Triangle Business Journal: Named Top Women in Business (2022);

WHEREAS, Ms. Hodge is the holder of four United States patents for the following:

- Cognitive Integrated Image Classification and Annotation
- Context Based Cognitive Speech Text Engine
- Controlling a Video Capture Device Based on Cognitive Personal Action and Image Identification
- Optimizing Resources Allocation to a Bid Request Based on Cognitive Analysis of Natural Language Documentation;

WHEREAS, Ms. Hodge has established the Rashida Hodge \$1 Million North Carolina State University Endowment for the Virgin Islands; Now, Therefore,

SECTION 1. The Legislature of the Virgin Islands, on behalf of the people of the Virgin
honors and commends Ms. Rashida Hodge for her achievements on global scale in the field of
technology as well as for her philanthropic efforts towards the people of the Virgin Islands,
through the establishment of the Rashida Endowment Fund at North Carolina State University.

6 **SECTION 2.** At an appropriate ceremony, the President of the Legislature, or the
7 President's designee, shall present a perma plaque of this resolution to Ms. Rashida Hodge.

8 **BILL SUMMARY**

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12 Carolina State University.

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