

## House Resolution 1092

By: Representatives Brooks of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Holmes of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, Teague of the 58<sup>th</sup>, Sinkfield of the 57<sup>th</sup>, Ashe of the 46<sup>th</sup> and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the Honorable Thelma Wyatt Cummings Moore; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Thelma Wyatt Cummings Moore, Judge of the Superior Court of Fulton  
3 County, was presented the William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence on  
4 November 15, 2001, at the United States Supreme Court; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence was created in 1996  
6 by the National Center for State Courts to honor a state court judge who possesses the  
7 qualities of judicial excellence exemplified by Chief Justice Rehnquist; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Judge Moore was chosen for this prestigious honor for judicial excellence in  
9 the areas of integrity, fairness, open-mindedness, knowledge of the law, professional ethics,  
10 creativity, sound judgment, intellectual courage, and decisiveness; and
- 11 WHEREAS, recognized as the "consummate jurist," Judge Moore is the immediate past  
12 Chief Judge of the Superior Court of Fulton County , Georgia´s busiest trial court of general  
13 jurisdiction; and
- 14 WHEREAS, as chief judge from 1998-2000, Judge Moore engaged in bold and innovative  
15 initiatives to improve the justice system and achieve a 30 percent reduction in the  
16 jurisdiction´s jail population; and
- 17 WHEREAS, with more than 24 years of judicial experience, she has served on the benches  
18 of the State Court of Fulton County, the City Court of Atlanta, and the Atlanta Municipal  
19 Court; and
- 20 WHEREAS, along the way, she has earned a reputation for judicious decision making,  
21 improvement of the administration of justice, and contributions that inspire respect for the  
22 rule of law; and

1 WHEREAS, Judge Moore conceived and spearheaded the creation of the Fulton County  
2 Family Court which has been recognized by Harvard University and the John F. Kennedy  
3 School of Government and has been featured nationally by the American Bar Association  
4 as a model; and

5 WHEREAS, Judge Moore serves on the board of trustees of Emory University and served  
6 two terms on the board of directors of the National Center for State Courts and has,  
7 throughout her career, worked to advance legal education and public understanding of the  
8 law.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
10 the members of this body honor the Honorable Thelma Wyatt Cummings Moore, offer their  
11 congratulations upon her receipt of the prestigious William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial  
12 Excellence, and express their gratitude for her excellent service to the State of Georgia.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Judge Thelma Wyatt  
15 Cummings Moore.