

House Resolution 1092

By: Representatives Brooks of the 54th, Holmes of the 53rd, Teague of the 58th, Sinkfield of the 57th, Ashe of the 46th 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.