

## House Resolution 1277

By: Representatives Brooks of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Mobley of the 69<sup>th</sup>, Mangham of the 75<sup>th</sup> and McKinney of the 51<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Roxanne Gregory and expressing sorrow at her passing; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Roxanne Gregory of Atlanta, Georgia, served as the first staff attorney for the  
4 Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); and

5 WHEREAS, as staff attorney, she shaped the legal agency of the SCLC for ten years, helping  
6 to implement Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, principles of equality through nonviolence; and

7 WHEREAS, after joining the SCLC's headquarters in Atlanta in 1992, she fought  
8 discrimination in the workplace, in housing, and in the criminal justice system; and

9 WHEREAS, the hearings and national campaigns which she organized addressed a variety  
10 of civil rights issues, including racial profiling, police brutality, and educational tracking of  
11 minority students; and

12 WHEREAS, she displayed a passion for justice in her advocacy of issues affecting people  
13 who were alienated; and

14 WHEREAS, she was a 1976 graduate of Long Island University and in 1979, she earned a  
15 law degree from Rutgers University; and

16 WHEREAS, she distinguished herself by her uncompromising commitment to principle and  
17 measured her own success by the lives she helped to change; and

18 WHEREAS, she was also an artist and a poet.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body honor the life of service and commitment of Roxanne Gregory,

1 express their appreciation for her many valuable contributions to the citizens of Georgia and  
2 extend their sincere condolences to her family.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to her son, Kamau Changa.