

House Resolution 1718

By: Representative Brooks of the 54<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Dr. Vivien Davenport; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Vivien Davenport is celebrating 25 years of distinguished service as founder  
3 and president of the International Preparatory Institute; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Davenport, a visionary with more than 45 years of experience in the field  
5 of education, initiated the independent elementary school to provide an alternative model of  
6 education for students in southwest Atlanta which focuses on promoting academic, personal,  
7 social, emotional, moral, and spiritual growth; and

8 WHEREAS, since opening its doors as a preschool in 1978, International Preparatory  
9 Institute was incorporated and expanded to include grades one through three in 1980; became  
10 fully accredited; evolved into an early school and elementary school in 1982; and in 1989,  
11 expanded to includes grades four and five; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Davenport is an outstanding educator and businesswoman, who is the  
13 co-author of several published works focusing on counseling, programs in schools, and  
14 fiscal affairs and enrollment trends in African American colleges and universities; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Davenport is an avid community volunteer who serves as chairperson of the  
16 Neighborhood Planning Unit-S and The Cascade Neighborhood Organization, as well as a  
17 member of several boards and advisory councils; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Davenport, a native of Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia, is the mother  
19 of three children; Gwendolyn, Evelyn, and Diane; and has six grandchildren and six great-  
20 grandchildren.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 members of this body honor and recognize Dr. Vivien Davenport for 25 years of

1 distinguished service as founder and president of the International Preparatory Institute and  
2 for her tremendous contribution to the field of education.

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 Dr. Vivien Davenport.