

House Resolution 417

By: Representatives Stephenson of the 60th, Post 1, Mosby of the 59th, Post 3, Maddox of the 59th, Post 2, Greene-Johnson of the 60th, Post 3, and Watson of the 60th, Post 2

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Juanita Powell Baranco; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Juanita Powell Baranco of Lithonia, Georgia, was recently named a finalist for
3 the 2003 TIME Magazine Quality Dealer Award which recognizes outstanding new car
4 dealers for exceptional performance in their dealership and distinguished community service;
5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, finalists are selected by faculty members from the University of Michigan
7 Graduate School of Business Administration from more than 19,500 dealers nationwide; and
- 8 WHEREAS, this award winning entrepreneur and dealer principal of Baranco Acura started
9 in the car business after a successful career in law, including serving as an assistant attorney
10 general for the State of Georgia; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she has been actively involved in many civic and community affairs with a
12 significant portion of her time and energy dedicated to education related topics; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Governor Zell Miller appointed her to serve on the Board of Regents of the
14 University System of Georgia and in 1995 she became the first African American female to
15 chair that board; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she has served as a member of the State Board of Education, taught business
17 courses at local middle and high schools, and established a scholarship program for high
18 school seniors seeking careers as automobile technicians; and
- 19 WHEREAS, on several occasions she has been featured in the list of 100 influential
20 Georgians published annually by *Georgia Trend* magazine; and

1 WHEREAS, this remarkable woman and her husband, Gregory, have raised four children
2 and are the grandparents of three grandchildren.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body congratulate Juanita Powell Baranco on being named a finalist for
5 the 2003 TIME Magazine Quality Dealer Award and commend her for her dedicated and
6 outstanding service to her community and this state.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Juanita Powell Baranco.