

House Resolution 642

By: Representative Thomas of the 43rd, Post 1

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ms. Hazel Drake Gonzalez; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Hazel Drake Gonzalez was born on February 21, 1962, in Meridian,
3 Mississippi, the fifth of ten children born to Dora Drake and Leon Drake; and

4 WHEREAS, growing up in Mississippi, she began working with senior citizens in her
5 neighborhood by running errands and doing general housekeeping, and this continued
6 through high school, when she took her first part-time job working at East Mississippi State
7 Hospital in the nursing home unit; and

8 WHEREAS, she attended Alcorn State University for two years with the intention of
9 becoming a nurse, but she met and married Gustavo Gonzalez, and the couple had two
10 children, Gustavo and Princess-Ayshiya; and

11 WHEREAS, she began working for Central Fulton Senior Services on July 27, 1992, as a
12 homemaker for home-bound seniors, and after two years she was promoted to Senior Center
13 Manager for the neighborhood senior center located in John F. Kennedy Middle School; and

14 WHEREAS, she was instrumental in the building of the New Horizons Senior Center in
15 1998, and she continues to work there, where she has 65 senior participants and supervises
16 five part-time senior employees and a day porter; and

17 WHEREAS, she was also instrumental in the implementation of Fulton County's first Youth
18 Demonstration Grant, in which three students from the Fulton County Flyers After School
19 Program had the opportunity to work, and she assisted with the first annual Intergenerational
20 Project, "A Taste of New Horizon," with Fulton County and Central Fulton Senior Services;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, it is only proper that this selfless and dedicated public servant be recognized for
2 her many contributions on such a personal level to our senior citizens.

3 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body commend Ms. Hazel Drake Gonzalez for her dedicated service to
5 the senior citizens of her community.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Hazel Drake Gonzalez.