

House Resolution 1790

By: Representatives Rogers of the 20th and Reece of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Alma Kennedy Bowen and congratulating *The Times* of
2 Gainesville; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a native of Chicopee Village in Hall County and reared in the Appalachian
4 foothills of Clarkesville, Alma Kennedy Bowen has been named the editor of *The Times* of
5 Gainesville; and

6 WHEREAS, she is impeccably prepared for this leadership position having served as the
7 former women's editor, district editor, and city editor of *The Times*; former editor of the
8 region's leading trade newspaper, *The Poultry Times*; director of public relations for North
9 Georgia Technical College; editor, *Healthcare Business News*; and communications manager
10 for the Georgia Student Finance Commission; and

11 WHEREAS, her newspaper skills were groomed and honed under the tutelage of local
12 journalism giants, including Charlie Smithgall, Sylvan Meyer, Lou Fockele, Bob Campbell,
13 Johnny Vardeman, and Phil Hudgins; and

14 WHEREAS, the hallmark of Bowen's professional career is reflected in a personal and
15 professional credo, that a newspaper best serves its community with a focus on local news
16 and events and that personal involvement and appreciation for the community it serves
17 reflects best on those who report about it; and

18 WHEREAS, her love for the community is best exhibited by her abiding faith and dutiful
19 membership at Gainesville's First Presbyterian Church, her former leadership of the League
20 of Women Voters, her rousing support of educational opportunities and scholarships as well
21 as the documented positive influence of the arts toward the cultural advancement of the
22 community and region.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body recognize and commend Alma Kennedy Bowen for her many
3 contributions to editing, congratulate *The Times* of Gainesville on hiring such a qualified and
4 exemplary individual, and extend their best wishes regarding this pinnacle career
5 achievement of this remarkable and dignified woman.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Alma Kennedy Bowen and
8 *The Times*.