

## House Resolution 969

By: Representatives Epps of the 128<sup>th</sup>, Henson of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Smyre of the 132<sup>nd</sup>, Stanley-Turner of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Brenda James Griffin upon her retirement; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Brenda James Griffin, a native Atlantan, born and raised in the Old Fourth  
3 Ward, graduated from David T. Howard High School, attended Atlanta Junior College, and  
4 graduated from Georgia State University; and

5 WHEREAS, she began working with Georgia state government in March, 1973, as a clerk  
6 at the Department of Revenue and worked for the Georgia Department of Agriculture in  
7 January, 1975, as a clerk; and

8 WHEREAS, through hard work, perseverance, and talent, she was promoted to Senior  
9 Secretary, Principal Secretary, Administrative Secretary, Public Relations and Information  
10 Specialist, Senior Public Relations and Information Specialist, Public Relations and  
11 Information Program Coordinator, Administrative Assistant, Assistant to the Director,  
12 Administrative Coordinator, and Director of Special Services; and

13 WHEREAS, on April 1, 1999, she was named Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs for  
14 the Georgia Department of Agriculture; and

15 WHEREAS, she became the first African American to serve in this capacity; and

16 WHEREAS, she has been recognized throughout her career for her commitment to  
17 agriculture, farmers, and all the citizens of Georgia, especially children and senior citizens;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, she has consistently sought to teach everyone about agriculture, especially  
20 young people in metropolitan areas, and, to this end, she began the "Ag in the Classroom"  
21 program; and

1 WHEREAS, she worked to help farmers and low-income citizens by establishing community  
2 farmers markets at metropolitan housing projects; and

3 WHEREAS, she has been honored with many awards throughout her career, including the  
4 National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Communicator of the Year Award;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, she stands as a shining example for young people entering public service.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
8 the members of this body commend Brenda James Griffin for her many years of service,  
9 commitment, and dedication to the citizens of Georgia and extend to her most sincere wishes  
10 for continued success and happiness in her retirement.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Brenda James Griffin.