

House Resolution 998

By: Representatives Ashe of the 56th, Thomas of the 55th, Orrock of the 58th, Gardner of the 57th, Holmes of the 61st, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Honorable Debi Starnes; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Debi Starnes is one of the original "Chicks in Charge"; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Debi Starnes was elected to the Atlanta City Council in 1993 to represent
4 District 2, the downtown and midtown business districts along with most of the surrounding
5 neighborhoods; and
- 6 WHEREAS, during her 12 years in office she has deservedly gained distinction as a city
7 representative who puts constituents first; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she has worked on the revitalization of downtown, spearheaded the
9 development of comprehensive services for the homeless, and worked to improve city
10 services; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she has been an extremely effective councilmember who has worked to
12 implement programs to reduce drugs and violence in Atlanta's public housing communities,
13 encourage homeless and runaway youngsters to remain in school, prevent teen pregnancy,
14 increase the number of children who are immunized, facilitate transportation for cancer
15 patients needing treatment, curb child abuse, and facilitate housing and services for people
16 with AIDS; and
- 17 WHEREAS, she is a native of East Tennessee and earned her Ph.D in Community
18 Psychology at Georgia State University in 1987; and
- 19 WHEREAS, she is founder and President of EMSTAR Research, Inc., a consulting firm
20 specializing in applied research and program evaluation; and

1 WHEREAS, on the occasion of her retirement from political office it is fitting to recognize
2 her significant achievements and contributions and to express our gratitude for her
3 exceptional service.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body join in recognizing Honorable Debi Starnes upon her retirement
6 from the Atlanta City Council, commend her for her many contributions to the City of
7 Atlanta and the State of Georgia, and extend their most sincere best wishes for her continued
8 success.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable Debi Starnes.