

House Resolution 316

By: Representative Epps of the 128<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Laurie Lewis; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Laurie Lewis is a wonderful single parent, a successful businesswoman,  
3 and an inspiration to Georgians everywhere; and

4 WHEREAS, she is known for her vibrant charisma and her uncanny ability to put other at  
5 ease; and

6 WHEREAS, with a college double major in political science and sociology and a minor in  
7 Spanish, she was well equipped when she accepted a position as librarian with the Spanish  
8 language school, Esquela de las Americas, where she worked until she accepted a job in sales  
9 with an insurance agency; and

10 WHEREAS, when she moved back to her beloved Manchester, Georgia, she began her career  
11 in advertising with Trib Publications, and after three years she accepted a position with Cable  
12 Time Advertising, Inc., where she mastered television sales, but she was drawn back to the  
13 print medium and eventually accepted her current position as advertising director with  
14 Star-Mercury Publishing, Inc.; and

15 WHEREAS, she has realized great success, as under her direction the five newspapers  
16 published by the company have increased their advertising each year she has been in charge;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the key to her success, she says is her philosophy of "treating your customers  
19 with the same respect and appreciation you would give to someone paying your bills,  
20 because in reality, that is what advertising does for the newspaper"; and

21 WHEREAS, a single parent, she reserves ample time for her son, Bill Batten, and the two  
22 share a great love of baseball; and

1 WHEREAS, although her life has gone through a number of twists and turns, she has  
2 overcome the obstacles that stood in her way, and has never failed to lend her strength,  
3 confidence, and laughter to whoever may cross her path; and

4 WHEREAS, she has brought honor to her family, community, and the State of Georgia.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
6 the members of this body recognize and commend Ms. Laurie Lewis for her brilliant success  
7 and for her tireless devotion to her family and community and extend to her their sincerest  
8 best wishes on her future.

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 Ms. Laurie Lewis.