

House Resolution 1996

By: Representative Thomas of the 55<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Linda Nasrah Smith; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Linda Nasrah Smith has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
3 the vital role that she has played in community leadership and her deep personal commitment  
4 to public service and the State of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,  
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her state as evidenced dramatically by her over  
7 35 years of exemplary service as a traditional community midwife in holistic maternal health  
8 and as a pro-active project developer, consultant, liaison, facilitator, outreach coordinator,  
9 and family service coordinator; and

10 WHEREAS, she has organized a consortium of a broad spectrum of community service,  
11 client based communities through collaboration and representation with local, state, and  
12 national governing administrators, boards, and policy-making entities; and

13 WHEREAS, she has worked with the Starting Points Initiative Atlanta, Vine City and with  
14 the Holistic Teen Parenting 2000/Holistic Advisory Council; and

15 WHEREAS, she has actively served on numerous planning and advisory committees  
16 including National Health Watch Advisory, the Black Woman's Wellness Center, Inc., the  
17 Empowerment Zone Advisory Planning Committee, the Savannah Urban League Advisory  
18 Council, Partners for Community Health Advisory Council, Youth Futures Authority, Inc.  
19 Community Advisory Council, the Southern Alliance of Midwives, Inc., and the  
20 International Alliance of Mothers and Midwives, Inc., and she has worked with  
21 Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney and currently works for State Representative "Able"  
22 Mable Thomas; and

1 WHEREAS, she has served as an organizer and facilitator for organizations such as the  
2 National Black Women's Health Project, Inc., the Lillie Allen Institute, Inc., the Be Present  
3 Institute, Inc., Broward County Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, Inc., Citizens for  
4 Environmental Justice, Inc., and the Center for Health and Development, and she is a  
5 founding member of DUA AFE, Inc., Childbirth Providers of African Decent, Inc., Wa Dada  
6 Tena, and Mother's Keeper, Inc.; and

7 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
8 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; her loyalty, competency, reliability, and  
9 enthusiasm have distinguished her superlative service to this state; and

10 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
11 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
13 the members of this body commend Linda Nasrah Smith for her many decades of efficient,  
14 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of this state and extend to her  
15 their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
17 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Linda Nasrah Smith.