

House Resolution 2121

By: Representative Fludd of the 66<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Pota Coston and congratulating her upon the occasion of her upcoming  
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,  
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her state as evidenced dramatically by her 28  
8 years of exemplary service as director of field operations for IRS Criminal Investigation,  
9 Southeast Area; and

10 WHEREAS, she began her federal career on November 27, 1979, as a student trainee with  
11 the Criminal Investigation Division in Charleston, West Virginia, holding several positions  
12 of increasing responsibility during her career in various cities including Detroit, Atlanta, New  
13 Orleans, and Washington, D. C.; and

14 WHEREAS, as director of field operations for IRS Criminal Investigation, Southeast Area,  
15 she is responsible for planning, directing, and evaluating criminal investigation programs and  
16 activities in her geographical area that includes 12 states in the Southeast and the U.S.  
17 territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands; and

18 WHEREAS, her career has afforded her many challenges while also bestowing upon her  
19 many coveted awards including Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Year and Special  
20 Agent in Charge of the Year; and

21 WHEREAS, she is a graduate of the 2003 Executive Development Program and ranks as one  
22 of only two African American females in the country selected in the Senior Executive  
23 Services program of the Criminal Investigation Division; and

1 WHEREAS, she is native of Elkins, West Virginia, and earned a Bachelor's Degree in  
2 Criminal Justice from Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia; and she is married  
3 to Bernie Coston and the mother of Bernard II; and

4 WHEREAS, she is a very active member of the East Point College Park Alumnae Chapter  
5 of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; a member and supporter of AIM-IRS, Women in Federal  
6 Law Enforcement (WIFLE); and a member of the National Organization of Black Law  
7 Enforcement Executives (NOBLE); and

8 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the exemplary achievements of this  
9 outstanding Georgian be recognized.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
11 the members of this body join together to recognize Pota E. Coston for her outstanding  
12 achievements; congratulate her on her upcoming retirement; and extend their most sincere  
13 wishes for continued health and happiness.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
15 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Pota E. Coston.