

House Resolution 2147

By: Representatives Thomas of the 55th, Holmes of the 61st, Sinkfield of the 60th, Stanley-Turner of the 53rd, Jones of the 44th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the Honorable Patsy Y. Porter, Judge of the State Court of Fulton
2 County; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Patsy Y. Porter, Judge of the State Court of Fulton County, serves the State of
4 Georgia with great honor, wisdom, and compassion; and

5 WHEREAS, her strong work ethic and diligence has earned her state-wide recognition as a
6 state court judge who possesses the qualities of judicial excellence exemplified by the most
7 famous of judges; and

8 WHEREAS, Judge Porter is strongly committed to serving the Atlanta community, and in
9 keeping with that commitment, she is actively involved in numerous professional and civic
10 associations, including a member and past president of the Georgia Association of Black
11 Women Attorneys (GABWA), member of the Gate City Bar Association, co-chair of the
12 Board of Directors of the Andrew and Walter Young YMCA, member of the Board of
13 Trustees of the Georgia Bar Foundation, member of the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar
14 Applicants, past president and member of the Advisory Board of the Atlanta Legal Aid
15 Society, and an alumna of Leadership Atlanta; and

16 WHEREAS, Judge Porter is greatly admired by her peers and constituents alike as
17 demonstrated by her receipt of numerous awards and commendations for her work in the
18 community, including the Leah Ward Sears Award for Distinction in the Profession, Jurist
19 of the Year Award from Mount Moriah Grand Masonic Lodge, Judge With A Heart Award
20 from the Minority Judges of Georgia, Leadership Award from the Atlanta Job Corps Center,
21 Spirit of GABWA Award from the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, and the
22 Millennium Award of Excellence In Law from the Women For Morris Brown College; and

1 WHEREAS, she was chosen for these prestigious honors for judicial excellence in the areas
2 of integrity, fairness, open-mindedness, knowledge of the law, professional ethics, creativity,
3 sound judgment, intellectual courage, and decisiveness; and

4 WHEREAS, recognized as the "consummate jurist," Judge Porter is also known for being
5 a devoted wife and loving mother to her two sons; and

6 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that this body recognize such an outstanding citizen
7 and judge who has given so much of herself to advance legal standards and ethics in the law
8 and for the betterment of this state.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 the members of this body honor the Honorable Patsy Y. Porter, commend her for her many
11 contributions to her community, and express their gratitude for her excellent service to the
12 State of Georgia.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Judge Patsy Y. Porter.