

## House Resolution 1592

By: Representatives Drenner of the 86<sup>th</sup>, Abrams of the 84<sup>th</sup>, Benfield of the 85<sup>th</sup>, and Henson of the 87<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Atlanta Dream owner Kathy Betty and inviting her to be  
2 recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Kathy Betty has long been recognized for the vital role she has played in  
4 leadership and her deep personal commitment to female athletics; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Betty earned a bachelor's degree in finance and computer sciences from the  
6 University of Alabama and Belmont College and was one of the first female partners with  
7 Ernst & Young; and

8 WHEREAS, she served as executive vice president and partner with Scott, Madden and  
9 Associates and formed her own successful incubator, the Tradewind Group, in 1996; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Betty's years of experience in business management and consulting have  
11 been invaluable as team owner of the Atlanta Dream, the WNBA team she purchased in  
12 October 2009, shortly after the franchise completed its second season in Atlanta; and

13 WHEREAS, determined to improve the lives of others both on and off the court, Ms. Betty  
14 serves as chairman and CEO of the Garry Betty Foundation and serves on the board of  
15 directors for the Alexander Tharpe Fund, the Georgia Institute of Technology, Children's  
16 Healthcare of Atlanta Foundation, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Atlanta, and the Atlanta Tipoff  
17 Club; and

18 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience  
19 and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her business savvy and acumen have earned her  
20 the respect and admiration of her coaches, players, and competitors; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body commend Ms. Kathy Betty for her efficient, effective, unselfish,  
25 and dedicated service to her community and the people of Atlanta; recognize her outstanding  
26 leadership as owner of the Atlanta Dream; and invite her to be recognized by the House of  
27 Representatives at a date and time to be designated by the Speaker of the House of  
28 Representatives.

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Atlanta Dream owner Kathy  
32 Betty.