

House Resolution 2175

By: Representatives Ashe of the 56th and Kaiser of the 59th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Gloria Jean Royster; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Gloria Jean Royster has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
3 for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
4 welfare of her neighbors; and

5 WHEREAS, an Atlanta resident since 1992, Ms. Royster has devoted numerous hours of her
6 time, talents, and energy to civic organizations and has held numerous leadership roles in
7 community organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Royster was a member of the inaugural class for Bard College's Clemente
9 Course in the Humanities, earning a certificate of successful completion, polishing her
10 intellect, and helping to quench her unrelenting thirst for knowledge; and

11 WHEREAS, as a result of successful performance in the Clemente Course, Ms. Royster was
12 appointed as a board member of the Bard College Clemente Course in the Humanities, where
13 she marketed the program to prospective students and supporters; and

14 WHEREAS, she is a founding member of the Consumer Advocacy Group, which creates
15 authentic demand for quality goods, services, and support in Atlanta and Mechanicsville
16 neighborhoods; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Royster's leadership and guidance have been instrumental to the residents
18 of Neighborhood Planning Unit V, where she was an organizing member of the "No
19 MARTA Cuts in Our Neighborhood" campaign that resulted in the transit authority's
20 decision to restructure bus route 155; and

21 WHEREAS, she has served as a community organizer for the Annie E. Casey Foundation
22 and is currently an environmental community activist in Mechanicsville; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Royster and a neighbor at GE Tower and Lofts Apartments undertook the
24 challenge to improve the Glenn Street Railroad Bridge by securing lights underneath the
25 bridge, removing graffiti, cleaning up the surrounding areas, posting traffic signs, and
26 cleaning up an adjacent empty lot; and

27 WHEREAS, as a community activist and role model for people from all generations and
28 walks of life, she brings honor to the City of Atlanta, the State of Georgia, and our country;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, the passion and efforts of this unbelievably talented woman on behalf of her
31 community are unparalleled, and it is fitting that this body express its appreciation to Ms.
32 Royster for the great credit she reflects on her community and this state.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend Ms. Gloria Jean Royster for her outstanding service to
35 the City of Atlanta and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Gloria Jean Royster.