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House Resolution 943

By: Representatives Smyre of the 132nd, Richardson of the 19th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Porter of the 143rd, Hugley of the 133rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Khalil Johnson on the occasion of his retirement; and for
- 2 other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Mr. Khalil Johnson has diligently and conscientiously devoted 30 years of
- 4 superlative service to the Georgia World Congress Center Authority; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson began his career at the Georgia World Congress Center in 1977
- 6 in the set-up department earning a reputation as the straightest chair setter in the South; and
- 7 WHEREAS, from 1986 through 1989, Mr. Johnson served as Director of Event Services at
- 8 the Georgia World Congress Center, and he then became the first General Manager of the
- 9 Georgia Dome; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 2002, Mr. Johnson became the first Chief Operating Officer of the Georgia
- 11 World Congress Center; and
- 12 WHEREAS, during his years of dedicated service, Mr. Johnson's leadership was vital in the
- 13 success of such events as the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games, two Super Bowls, two
- 14 NCAA Final Four tournaments, and several NCAA regional basketball tournaments, SEC
- 15 football championships, and professional football games; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in March, 2008, when a tornado caused over \$65 million in damages to the city
- of Atlanta, Mr. Johnson led a team assigned to getting the Georgia World Congress Center
- 18 Authority facilities up and running and organizing the many repairs needed to reopen; and
- 19 WHEREAS, that same year, Mr. Johnson oversaw the development of a long-term master
- 20 plan for the Georgia World Congress Center Authority; and

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21 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson plans to enjoy his well-deserved retirement spending time with his

- 22 lovely wife, Donna; his remarkable children, Khalil and Khadijha; and his delightful and
- 23 joyous grandson, Miles; and
- 24 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson's outstanding service epitomizes the customer-focused mission of
- 25 the Georgia World Congress Center Authority, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that
- 26 the superb accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately
- 27 recognized.
- 28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 29 the members of this body commend Mr. Khalil Johnson for his three decades of efficient,
- 30 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him
- 31 upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes
- 32 for continued health and happiness.
- 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Khalil Johnson.