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House Resolution 1330

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Williams of the 89th, Brooks of the 63rd, Baker of the 78th, Jordan of the 77th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger and the Up & Out of
- 2 Poverty Now! Coalition on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of Poor People's Day at the
- 3 state capitol; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger and the Up & Out of Poverty Now!
- 5 Coalition celebrate the 30th annual Poor People's Day at the state capitol on February 10th
- 6 and 11th, 2010, in Atlanta, Georgia; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger and the Up & Out of Poverty Now!
- 8 Coalition has convened in the City of Atlanta for Poor People's Day at the state capitol for
- 9 30 consecutive years on behalf of low-income Georgia families; and
- 10 WHEREAS, this event has been instrumental in helping change welfare policy in the State
- of Georgia, including the passage of legislation that implemented the state-operated PEACH
- 12 Program in 1986 and ended workfare; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger worked tirelessly with the Georgia
- 14 General Assembly in 2001 to pass this state's first minimum wage increase in over 30 years,
- 15 from \$3.25 an hour to \$5.15 an hour; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger's executive director served as co-chair
- 17 of the Living Wage Coalition which encouraged the Mayor and Council Members to
- 18 establish a Living Wage Standard for all City of Atlanta employees of \$10.50 per hour, plus
- 19 healthcare benefits and Pay Equity Standards, in 2003; and
- 20 WHEREAS, it also won a cost of living increase for all City of Atlanta employees in 2005;
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22 WHEREAS, it has assisted tens of thousands of underserved Atlanta families with access to

- 23 Food Stamps, WIC, and Welfare programs; and
- 24 WHEREAS, it has collaborated with Georgia Coalition for the Peoples Agenda and Georgia
- 25 Vote Connection Center to register over 100,000 new voters in 2008, tens of thousands of
- 26 whom reside in the City of Atlanta; and
- 27 WHEREAS, Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger cultivates a 2 1/2 acre organic garden
- 28 in Southeast Atlanta, serving 2,000 families annually through four Umoja Outdoor Farmers
- 29 Markets in metro Atlanta and ensuring under-served Atlanta communities have access to
- 30 fresh, affordable produce; and
- 31 WHEREAS, Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger operates a year-round, full-time hunger
- 32 hotline in the City of Atlanta that assists 5,000 people a year with emergency assistance,
- 33 food, utilities, and transportation; and
- 34 WHEREAS, Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger has served more than 350,000
- 35 low-income Georgians in the organization's 35 year history, most of whom reside inside the
- 36 City of Atlanta; and
- 37 WHEREAS, Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger and the Up & Out of Poverty NOW!
- 38 Coalition's annual Poor People's Day at the state capitol activities has brought over 90,000
- 39 low-income Georgians to the Georgia State Capitol to advocate on their own behalf.
- 40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 41 the members of this body commend the care, fortitude, and selfless dedication exhibited by
- 42 Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger and the Up & Out of Poverty Now! Coalition for
- 43 services over the past three decades and extend to them their utmost appreciation for having
- 44 so purely and truly defined for others the meaning of community advocacy in the City of
- 45 Atlanta.
- 46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 47 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Citizens'
- 48 Coalition on Hunger and the Up & Out of Poverty Now! Coalition.