

House Resolution 257

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Heckstall of the 62nd, Neal of the 75th, and Scott of the 76th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Commissioner Virginia Burton Gray and inviting her to be recognized by the
2 House of Representatives in honor of Women's History Month; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Commissioner Virginia Burton Gray has long been recognized by the citizens
4 of this state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal
5 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Clayton County and Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by her superlative service since 1997 with the Clayton County Board of
9 Commissioners; and

10 WHEREAS, a true trailblazer, Commissioner Gray was the first African American member
11 of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners and the legacy she has created over the past
12 two decades will long be felt in the Clayton County community; and

13 WHEREAS, some of her many accomplishments as a commissioner include the procurement
14 of a community development block grant which funded the creation of a senior center,
15 expansion of Arts Clayton Summer Camps, relocation and expansion of the North Clayton
16 Police precinct, and establishment of the Clayton County Code Enforcement Board and the
17 Airport Noise Mitigation Committee; and

18 WHEREAS, a former educator, Commissioner Gray earned a bachelor's degree in
19 elementary education from Clark College, and has worked in the real estate industry for 26
20 years; and

21 WHEREAS, Commissioner Gray was sworn in as president of the Association County
22 Commissioners of Georgia in 2008, becoming the first Clayton County Commissioner to
23 serve in this capacity; and

24 WHEREAS, her leadership and guidance have been instrumental to many organizations,
25 including the Clayton County Department of Family and Children Services, the Atlanta
26 Project, ACCG Health and Human Services Policy Committee, and the NACO Human
27 Services and Education Steering Subcommittee on Aging; and

28 WHEREAS, Commissioner Gray has served with honor and distinction with the Clayton
29 County Board of Commissioners, and her vision and unyielding commitment have set the
30 standard for public service; and

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend Commissioner Virginia Burton Gray for her efficient,
35 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to Clayton County and the State of Georgia
36 and invite her to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be
37 determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Commissioner Virginia
40 Burton Gray.