

House Resolution 294

By: Representatives Morgan of the 39th, Kaiser of the 59th, Casas of the 103rd, Jones of the 46th, Taylor of the 55th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Gerard Robinson and inviting him to be recognized by
2 the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Gerard Robinson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
4 the vital role that he has played in the teaching profession and his deep personal commitment
5 to the education of the students of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson earned an associate's degree from El Camino Community
7 College, a bachelor's degree from Howard University, and a master's degree in education
8 from Harvard University; and

9 WHEREAS, he has helped to provide countless Georgia students with more educational
10 options through his work as a founding member of KIPP STRIVE and his service on the
11 Georgia Charter School Commission; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson has served as president of the Black Alliance for Educational
13 Options, a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that supports parental choice to
14 empower families and increase quality educational options for black children; and

15 WHEREAS, he has served as a senior research associate for the School Choice
16 Demonstration Project at the University of Arkansas and a senior fellow at the Institute for
17 the Transformation of Learning at Marquette University, where he assisted efforts to reform
18 Milwaukee's private and public school choice programs; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson participated on the Wisconsin team that worked with the National
20 Association of Charter School Authorizers on a project that resulted in the publication of
21 *Quality Charter School Authorizing in Wisconsin: Authorizer and Charter School*
22 *Accountability Under No Child Left Behind*; and

23 WHEREAS, he is an active board member for the Policy Advisory Council at the National
24 Alliance for Public Charter Schools, the Georgia Charter School Commission, the Georgia
25 GOAL Scholarship Program, the Advisory Committee for the Program on Education Policy
26 and Governance at Harvard University, and the United States Department of Education's
27 National Charter School Resource Center; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson's work has enriched and improved the lives of countless future
29 leaders, and he has recently been appointed as Virginia Superintendent of Education; and

30 WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to the students in this state, it is abundantly
31 fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and accomplishments
32 of this outstanding individual.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body heartily and gratefully commend Mr. Gerard Robinson for his
35 sacrifice, foresight, accomplishments, and contributions on behalf of education in Georgia;
36 recognize the positive influence he has had upon the lives and futures of countless young
37 people in this state; extend to him best wishes for continued success in his new position; and
38 invite him to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be
39 determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Gerard Robinson.