

## House Resolution 587

By: Representatives Tinubu of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Dawkins-Haigler of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, Stephenson of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, Hugley of the 133<sup>rd</sup>, Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Honorable Georganna Sinkfield and inviting her to be recognized by the  
2 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Honorable Georganna Sinkfield 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 Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she is a respected and highly regarded former member of the Georgia General  
7 Assembly and is the longest serving woman in the history of the General Assembly, with 28  
8 years of service as a voice for Georgians; and

9 WHEREAS, she was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1982 to represent  
10 the people of Atlanta and Fulton County and authored legislation which created the Office  
11 of the Child Advocate; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Sinkfield's leadership and guidance were instrumental as  
13 chairperson of the Committee on Children and Youth for 14 years and chairperson of the  
14 subcommittee of Appropriations on Human Development; and

15 WHEREAS, one of *Georgia Trend* magazine's 100 Most Influential People in Georgia,  
16 Representative Sinkfield was the first female elected as chairperson of the Georgia  
17 Legislative Black Caucus, and she served as chairperson of several major committees on the  
18 National Conference of State Legislators; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Sinkfield was recognized by the Georgia Gerontology Society  
20 with a Legislative Award for her consistent support of aging issues that benefit older  
21 Georgians, and she received the American Association of Retired Persons Legislative Award  
22 for her determination and commitment to fighting predatory lending; and

23 WHEREAS, she has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including a  
24 Trumpet Award, a SCLC Drum Major for Justice Award in Government, a City of Atlanta  
25 Women Distinguished Service Award, a Georgia Teachers of English to Speakers of Other  
26 Languages Public Service Award, a Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless Award, the  
27 Georgia Conservation Voters Environmental Leadership Award, and the Georgia Department  
28 of Labor Outstanding Achievement Award; and

29 WHEREAS, Representative Sinkfield is united in love and marriage to her supportive  
30 husband, Richard, and she has been blessed with two remarkable children, Rita Denise and  
31 Richard III, and five delightful grandchildren; and

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

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body commend the Honorable Georganna Sinkfield on her many  
36 outstanding achievements and invite her to be recognized by the House of Representatives  
37 at a date and time to be 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 Representative Georganna  
40 Sinkfield.