

## House Resolution 717

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Howard of the 121<sup>st</sup>, Morgan of the 39<sup>th</sup>, Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>, Smyre of the 132<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Rainbow PUSH Coalition and the Citizenship Education Fund's 11th annual  
2 Creating Opportunity Conference; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Rainbow PUSH Coalition (RPC) and the Citizenship Education Fund (CEF)  
4 held its 11th annual Creating Opportunity Conference in Atlanta on November 11-14, 2010;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, president and founder of CEF and RPC, Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., hosted  
7 the conference in Atlanta and surrounding metro Atlanta communities, including Clayton  
8 County; and

9 WHEREAS, during the past year, Reverend Jesse Jackson and the RPC have joined the  
10 Clayton County Legislative Delegation and state-wide transit organizations in the fight to  
11 save public transportation for Clayton County citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, the RPC and the CEF are also working in Clayton County and the Southeast to  
13 strengthen public education by challenging families to take the PUSH Excel Parent and  
14 Student pledges; and

15 WHEREAS, PUSH Excel offers dozens of college scholarships to needy and deserving  
16 students, including many who attend colleges and universities in the metro Atlanta area, such  
17 as Morehouse College, Spelman College, and Clark-Atlanta University; and

18 WHEREAS, each year the RPC and the CEF sponsor an HBCU College Tour of the  
19 Southeast and work diligently to promote economic growth and competition in the Southeast;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, these two amazing organizations study and promote diversity and inclusion in  
22 governance, employment, and hiring; and

23 WHEREAS, the RPC offers instruction in financial literacy through its One Thousand  
24 Churches Connected Network; and

25 WHEREAS, the RPC has responsibly raised public consciousness regarding foreclosure  
26 mitigation and homelessness in Clayton County and across the region and works tirelessly  
27 to change Georgia foreclosure law to give homeowners more leverage; and

28 WHEREAS, the CEF has offered mortgage modification assistance to hundreds of  
29 homeowners in Georgia and across the United States from its Atlanta regional office; and

30 WHEREAS, the Keep Hope Alive Gala benefits the CEF and the RPC and celebrates the  
31 founder's birthday; and

32 WHEREAS, the citizens of Clayton County and Georgia are extremely grateful for the  
33 support, dedication, leadership, and service that Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., the  
34 Citizenship Education Fund, and the Rainbow PUSH Coalition have provided.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body commend the Rainbow PUSH Coalition and the Citizenship  
37 Education Fund on their 11th annual Creating Opportunity Conference.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Rainbow PUSH Coalition  
40 and the Citizenship Education Fund.