

House Resolution 747

By: Representative Beasley-Teague of the 65th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Ms. Geraldine A. Ferraro; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of this nation's most distinguished
3 citizens with the passing of Ms. Geraldine A. Ferraro; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ms. Ferraro earned a place in the history books as the first female vice
5 presidential candidate on a national party ticket with her 1984 run with Walter Mondale; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Fordham University School of Law, Ms. Ferraro was a principal
7 in the government relations practice of Blank Rome, a national law firm; and
- 8 WHEREAS, prior to joining Blank Rome, Ms. Ferraro chaired the public affairs practice of
9 Global Consulting Group, a leading international communications firm, and counseled clients
10 on a wide range of public policy issues; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she served as a dedicated public servant as a three-term Representative in the
12 United States Congress for New York's Ninth Congressional District in Queens, where she
13 was an insightful member of the Public Works, Post Office and Civil Service, and Budget
14 Committees; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Ms. Ferraro offered her expertise and knowledge as a political analyst for FOX
16 News and as a columnist for the *New York Times* syndicate and co-hosted CNN's *Crossfire*
17 from 1996 to 1998; and
- 18 WHEREAS, she served as United States Ambassador and a public delegate to the United
19 Nations Human Rights Commission, an alternate United States delegate to the World
20 Conference on Human Rights, vice chairperson of the United States Delegation at the Fourth
21 World Conference on Women, a board member of the National Democratic Institute of
22 International Affairs, and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations; and

23 WHEREAS, a talented author, Ms. Ferraro wrote numerous articles and three books,
24 *Ferraro, My Story*; *Geraldine Ferraro: Changing History*; and *Framing a Life*; and

25 WHEREAS, she was recognized with numerous honors and accolades throughout her
26 lifetime, including the NOBEL/Women 2007 Women Pioneers Award; and

27 WHEREAS, Ms. Ferraro was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable
28 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made
29 of her life, she made this world a better place in which to live.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Ms. Geraldine A. Ferraro
32 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ms. Geraldine
35 A. Ferraro.