

## House Resolution 995

By: Representatives Dobbs of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, Ashe of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Lindsey of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Wilkinson of the 52<sup>nd</sup>, Willard of the 49<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Marcia Bansley; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Marcia Bansley has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
3 the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the  
4 environment and beautification efforts of the City of Atlanta; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Bansley has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of  
6 her time, talents, and energy for nearly 26 years to Trees Atlanta, a nationally recognized  
7 citizens group dedicated to protecting and improving Atlanta's urban forest through planting,  
8 conserving, and educating; and

9 WHEREAS, she earned a bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University and a law degree  
10 from Emory University, served as law clerk to the Regional Counsel of the Environmental  
11 Protection Agency and an intern to United States Senator Sam Nunn, and worked for  
12 SunTrust Bank; and

13 WHEREAS, during her tenure with Trees Atlanta, Ms. Bansley has cared for over 81,000  
14 trees, raised over \$9 million for planting trees in the Atlanta area, and has brought soft green  
15 touches to busy boulevards, the marble-hard facades of corporate towers, and asphalt parking  
16 lots; and

17 WHEREAS, this active community leader has been recognized with numerous honors and  
18 accolades, including an Outstanding Achievement Award from Sigma Pi Kappa Honor  
19 Society, a Civic Improvement Award from Garden Club of America, a Stafford Award from  
20 Scenic America, an Award of Merit from Garden Club of Georgia, and Georgia Water  
21 Conservationist of the Year award from Georgia Wildlife Federation; and

22 WHEREAS, she has been named Diva for Life by *Business to Business Magazine*, Women  
23 Making a Mark by *Atlanta Magazine*, a Fairlie-Poplar Legend by Central Atlanta Progress,  
24 and One of Atlanta's Defining Women by the Atlanta History Center; and

25 WHEREAS, co-founder of the National Alliance for Community Trees, Ms. Bansley is a  
26 charter member of the Georgia Urban Forestry Council, served as an advisor to the Noble  
27 Tree Foundation, was appointed advisor to the United States Secretary of Agriculture by  
28 President George H.W. Bush, and created a \$5 million fund for Olympic Trees in Atlanta  
29 before the Olympic games; and

30 WHEREAS, countless Atlantans and visitors to the city have been the beneficiaries of her  
31 great leadership and advocacy for trees and the environment, and her vision and unyielding  
32 commitment will be sorely missed upon her departure from the organization; and

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

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body commend Ms. Marcia Bansley for her efficient, effective,  
37 unselfish, and dedicated service to Trees Atlanta and recognize the amazing impact she has  
38 had upon the landscape of Atlanta.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Marcia Bansley.