

House Resolution 1212

By: Representatives Dickerson of the 95th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 93rd, Stephenson of the 92nd, Kendrick of the 94th, and Beasley-Teague of the 65th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 23, 2012, as 100 Black Women Empowerment Day at the state
2 capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., (NCBW) consists of more
4 than 7,000 members representing 63 chapters in 24 states around the nation; and

5 WHEREAS, NCBW was founded with the purpose of developing socially conscious female
6 leaders who are committed to furthering equity and empowerment for women of color in
7 society at large; and

8 WHEREAS, members of NCBW are dedicated to improving the environment of their
9 neighborhoods, rebuilding their communities, and enhancing the quality of public and private
10 resources for the growth and development of disadvantaged youth; and

11 WHEREAS, the Stone Mountain-Lithonia Chapter of NCBW organized its first coalition of
12 advocacy day summit, entitled A United Voice for Change - A Day of Empowerment and
13 Motivation on April 10, 2009; and

14 WHEREAS, this innovative event brought together over 100 women from across the
15 metropolitan Atlanta area to meet with their elected officials and provided them with the
16 opportunity to urge their officials to support issues such as affordable and accessible health
17 care, quality education for all children, and solutions to the area's problem with high
18 foreclosure rates; and

19 WHEREAS, the keynote speaker for this important gathering was NCBW founder Jewell
20 Jackson McCabe, who led the effort to educate those in attendance of the legislative process
21 and facilitated an open dialogue between elected officials and members of NCBW regarding
22 issues that affect the African American community; and

23 WHEREAS, the guiding leadership of the Stone Mountain-Lithonia Chapter of NCBW
24 president, Lynita Mitchell Blackwell, and vice president and chairperson of empowerment
25 day, Talvia Peterson, made this outstanding event possible; and

26 WHEREAS, many leaders of the Georgia General Assembly and Georgia government are
27 members of local chapters of NCBW, including Representative Pamela Stephenson,
28 Representative Alisha Thomas-Morgan, Representative Dee Dawkins-Haigler,
29 Commissioner Connie Stokes, and Commissioner Sharon Barnes Stutton.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., and
32 its Stone Mountain-Lithonia Chapter; recognize February 23, 2012, as 100 Black Women
33 Empowerment Day at the state capitol; and extend their most sincere best wishes to the
34 organization for its continued success.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and instructed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Stone
37 Mountain-Lithonia Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women.