

House Resolution 1604

By: Representatives Bruce of the 64th, Fludd of the 66th, Williams of the 89th, Willard of the 49th, Stephenson of the 92nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Monica Pearson and inviting her to be recognized by the House of
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Monica Pearson joined Channel 2 Action News in August of 1975 as Atlanta's
4 first woman and first minority to anchor the 6 P.M. news and has dedicated more than 30
5 years as the *Nightbeat* anchor; and

6 WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Louisville, she was a reporter for the *Louisville*
7 *Times* for five years; and

8 WHEREAS, she has received numerous awards reflecting her outstanding ability, including
9 an Emmy in 2008 for her exclusive interview with Congressman John Lewis, the
10 Distinguished Service to Broadcasting Award in 1989, the YWCA's prestigious Woman of
11 Achievement Award in 1992, and the Women's Sports Journalism Award for Local
12 Television Reporting; and

13 WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Monica Pearson is a member of Alpha
14 Kappa Alpha Sorority and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, where she is the
15 coordinator of the senior citizens program, and attends Gospel Tabernacle Church; and

16 WHEREAS, she established a scholarship in her name at Presentation Academy, an all girls
17 Catholic high school that she attended in Louisville, Kentucky; and

18 WHEREAS, she is a member of various professional organization, including the Society of
19 Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi; the National Association of Black Journalists; the
20 Atlanta Association of Black Journalists; the Atlanta Junior League; American Women in
21 Radio and Television; the Atlanta Press Club; the National Academy of Television Arts and
22 Sciences; the Screen Actors Guild; and the American Federation of Television and Radio
23 Artists; and

24 WHEREAS, a woman with great civic zest, Monica Pearson is a most beloved and respected
25 leader in the Atlanta community, and her humanity and altruism are worthy of recognition.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend Monica Pearson for her incredible career in journalism,
28 extend heartfelt appreciation for her contributions to her community and the State of Georgia,
29 and invite her to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated
30 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Monica Pearson.