

House Resolution 1614

By: Representative Waites of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Mitzi L. Bickers and inviting her to be recognized by the House of
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Mitzi L. Bickers is a native of Atlanta and a beloved daughter of the late Dr.
4 Benjamin Weldon Bickers and Mrs. Ethel King Bickers; and

5 WHEREAS, she received a Bachelor of Arts in political science and education from Spelman
6 College and a Doctor of Divinity from Avotra Bible College and Seminary in 1998; and

7 WHEREAS, she taught in the Atlanta Public School System for two years and later worked
8 for the Metropolitan Atlanta Crime Commission Victim Witness Assistance Program, where
9 she provided crisis intervention to victims of crime, serving as a liaison between the local law
10 enforcement agencies and the community; and

11 WHEREAS, at the age of 15, Reverend Bickers served as Minister of Music at Emmanuel
12 Baptist Church, and she was later ordained into the Christian ministry and served as
13 co-pastor, Director of Christian Education for six years, and coordinator of instruction in
14 Christian education; and

15 WHEREAS, she was called to pastor Emmanuel Baptist Church in July of 1998 after the
16 passing of her father who ministered to the church for more than 40 years; and

17 WHEREAS, at the age of 26, Dr. Bickers was the youngest person ever elected to the Atlanta
18 Board of Education, representing District Two for more than ten years and overseeing a
19 budget of \$600 million as well as serving as president of the board for two consecutive terms
20 after being elected by her colleagues; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Bickers worked for Thacker Operating Company, followed by E.R. Mitchell
22 Company as Vice President of Operations, and is currently President and CEO of the Bickers

23 Group, a marketing and public relations company with offices in the United States and
24 Mexico; and

25 WHEREAS, an active member in her community, Dr. Bickers is affiliated with many social,
26 political, and professional organizations, including Project GRAD Atlanta, Centennial Place
27 YMCA, the National Alliance of Black School Educators, Concerned Black Clergy, National
28 Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Southern Christian Leadership
29 Conference; and

30 WHEREAS, she is the proud mother of one remarkable son, Emmanuel Weldon Bickers; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the accomplishments of this
32 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend Dr. Mitzi L. Bickers for her efficient, effective,
35 unselfish, and dedicated public service and many contributions to the State of Georgia and
36 invite her to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by
37 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Mitzi L. Bickers.