

House Resolution 1620

By: Representative Waites of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Matthew Charles Cardinale; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Matthew Charles Cardinale is the news editor and founder of Atlanta
3 Progressive News, an online independent news service that provides news and information
4 to Georgians; and
- 5 WHEREAS, since moving to Atlanta in 2005, he has written or edited nearly 1,000 original
6 news articles; and
- 7 WHEREAS, in 2010, Mr. Cardinale was concerned about a secret vote taken by the Atlanta
8 City Council and filed a pro se lawsuit challenging the vote; and
- 9 WHEREAS, his lawsuit was appealed all the way up to the Supreme Court and won the
10 ruling which bans secret votes across the entire State of Georgia, one of the most significant
11 rulings in favor of Georgia's Sunshine Laws since their enactment in 1988; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Cardinale holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and political science from
13 Tulane University, a master's degree in sociology from the University of California-Irvine,
14 and a master's degree in public administration from the University of New Orleans; and
- 15 WHEREAS, an active member in his community, Mr. Cardinale serves as the North
16 American Correspondent for the Inter-Press Service and board member of the Fulton Atlanta
17 Community Action Authority; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Cardinale has dedicated his career to making a difference in his community
19 and the lives of others and his many achievements are worthy of recognition.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body commend Mr. Matthew Charles Cardinale for his selfless,

22 innovative, and talented career as founder and news editor of Atlanta Progressive News and
23 extend heartfelt appreciation for his contributions to his community and the State of Georgia.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Matthew Charles
26 Cardinale.