

House Resolution 1622

By: Representative Waites of the 60<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Zina Age; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ms. Zina Age began working in the field of social services in 1987 serving  
3 African American populations affected by HIV/AIDS and other health disparities; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she founded Aniz, Inc., in 1996, a nonprofit organization in Atlanta dedicated  
5 to providing therapeutic education and support services for children and family members as  
6 well as disadvantaged multicultural communities infected or affected by HIV/AIDS; and
- 7 WHEREAS, in addition to the headquarters in Atlanta, Aniz, Inc., is located in Baton Rouge,  
8 Louisiana, and Holly Springs, Mississippi, serving its clients with Aniz's Harm Reduction  
9 Program, a program consisting of a holistic approach and health education to reduce or  
10 eliminate risk for adults and children by providing HIV/AIDS testing and mental health  
11 support groups on the streets and by acting as a liaison for mental health and substance abuse  
12 services with collaborative partner agencies; and
- 13 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Ms. Zina Age, Aniz, Inc., has been honored with  
14 numerous awards, including the City of Atlanta Mayor's Phoenix Award and the Bayard  
15 Rustin Leadership Award; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Aniz, Inc., was the only African American beneficial agency to participate in  
17 the AIDS Walk Atlanta and is a member of the program committee on the eighth Harm  
18 Reduction Conference; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Ms. Age earned a graduate degree in social work from Clark Atlanta University  
20 and certification as a master addiction counselor from the National Association of Forensic  
21 Counselors; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body recognize Ms. Zina Age for her vision, sacrifice, and foresight in  
26 founding the Aniz, Inc., and commend her years of dedicated service to assisting people  
27 affected with HIV/AIDS.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Zina Age.