

House Resolution 1693

By: Representative Waites of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Ruthie Garrett Walls; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Ruthie Garrett Walls has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
3 for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
4 welfare of the citizens of her community; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Ruthie Garrett Walls moved to Atlanta in 1971 and as a single mother she
6 was attempting to provide a better life for her five children; and

7 WHEREAS, she began her volunteerism during the time of the missing and murdered
8 children by participating in several organized searches; and

9 WHEREAS, she served as secretary of neighborhood planning units and the Atlanta Planning
10 and Advisory Board for three years; and

11 WHEREAS, she represented her neighborhood as a member of the Community
12 Empowerment Advisory Board and as president of the Rebel Forest Neighborhood
13 Association for 20 years saw a need in the community among the youth and founded the
14 Metro Youth Action Council; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Walls met with children weekly, took them on field trips, helped them
16 publish their own newsletters, established an after-school program, and had summer camp
17 at the local church; and

18 WHEREAS, she got the children involved with events, such as the 1996 Olympics, formed
19 a neighborhood youth choir, and participated in the John Birdine Community Service award
20 ceremony; and

21 WHEREAS, she received a letter of commendation during her time volunteering with the
22 Atlanta Project, an initiative by President Jimmy Carter; and

23 WHEREAS, she served on the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society for eight
24 years and on the Fulton County advisory committee during the planning and building of the
25 Southeast Senior Center; and

26 WHEREAS, she has been honored numerous times, receiving the Metro Atlanta Coalition
27 of 100 Black Women Unsung Heroines Award, the Arthur Beavers Community Service
28 Award, the Julia Smith Certificate of Appreciation for devoted community volunteerism,
29 Together Atlanta and the Neighborhood Achievement Award, the City of Atlanta Certificate
30 of Appreciation, and was an Atlanta Youth Ambassador Chaperone; and

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend Ms. Ruthie Garrett Walls on her efficient, effective, and
35 selfless community service and recognize the amazing work she does to improve the lives
36 of others.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Ruthie Garrett Walls.