

House Resolution 1802

By: Representative Waites of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Dwanda Farmer; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Dwanda Farmer is an experienced community economic development
3 expert, creating strategies to bring economic vibrancy to some of our most severely
4 distressed urban communities for nearly two decades; and

5 WHEREAS, she earned a master's degree in organizational development from National
6 Louisiana University, a doctorate in community economic development from Southern New
7 Hampshire University, and recently completed her dissertation, "Exploring the Impacts of
8 the Hope VI Program on Residents and Surrounding Neighborhoods in the City of Atlanta";
9 and

10 WHEREAS, she has developed initiatives to support the development of more than 800
11 affordable housing units using every available public finance tool, including HOME,
12 Community Development Block Grant, Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, Tarrant Appraisal
13 District, government bonds, and private grants in low-income communities; and

14 WHEREAS, she has developed and HUD-certified two local housing counseling agencies,
15 which together have served more than 1,000 potential low-to-moderate-income home buyers
16 in Metro Atlanta; and

17 WHEREAS, as a successful and experienced grant writer, Ms. Farmer has served a variety
18 of government and community development initiatives, including the United States
19 Department of the Treasury as a reviewer/evaluator; and

20 WHEREAS, her great wisdom and leadership talents, her remarkable patience and
21 diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her unique and effective way of conveying her point
22 have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commend Ms. Dwanda Farmer on nearly two decades of effective,
27 efficient, unselfish, and dedicated public service to her community and the State of Georgia.

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. Dwanda Farmer.