

## House Resolution 1982

By: Representatives Jordan of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Baker of the 78<sup>th</sup>, Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, and Waites of the 60<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Iris B. Jessie; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ms. Iris B. Jessie has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
3 vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare  
4 of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Ms. Jessie earned a bachelor's degree from Gustavus Adolphus College and a  
6 master's degree from Indiana University; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,  
8 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced  
9 dramatically by her 30 years of superlative public service; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Ms. Jessie has served as city manager for the City of Riverdale, Georgia, since  
11 2004, and her leadership has been instrumental in tremendous growth and development for  
12 the city; and
- 13 WHEREAS, during her tenure as city manager, Ms. Jessie has overseen a \$60 million  
14 increase in the value of taxable property in the city, budget surpluses, and the investment of  
15 \$20 million in construction of a new city hall, community center, and 800 seat amphitheater;  
16 and
- 17 WHEREAS, Ms. Jessie has been active in numerous organizations, including the United  
18 Way of Hampton Roads, Conference of Minority Public Administrators, National Forum for  
19 Black Public Administrators, Hope in the Cities, International City-County Manager's  
20 Association, Clayton Archway Partnership, Clayton County Historical Task Force, and the  
21 Clayton County Chamber of Commerce; and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Jessie's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable  
23 patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the  
24 citizens of this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and  
25 associates; and

26 WHEREAS, Ms. Jessie has served with honor and distinction for the City of Riverdale, and  
27 her vision and unyielding commitment set the standard for public service; and

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body commend Ms. Iris B. Jessie for her efficient, effective, unselfish,  
32 and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend to her their most sincere best  
33 wishes for continued health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Iris B. Jessie.