

House Resolution 2122

By: Representative Abdul-Salaam of the 74th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Lateshia Woodley; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Lateshia Woodley was born on July 29, 1977, a beloved daughter of Linda
3 Craddock, and after becoming a teenage mother in the tenth grade, she moved to Atlanta; and

4 WHEREAS, she has made it her mission in life to ignite, motivate, and encourage teen
5 parents to reach their full potential; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Woodley facilitates pro bono individual counseling sessions with teen
7 parents and their families, established the Choose Life Scholarship fund to provide
8 scholarships to teen parents who are overcoming their obstacles and have the desire to reach
9 their goal of graduating from college, and authored *Why Did You Choose to Get Pregnant*,
10 a workbook to guide teen parents through this major life transition; and

11 WHEREAS, she is a counseling psychologist and educational consultant that specializes in
12 transformation initiatives and change management; and

13 WHEREAS, she has worked with numerous special projects, including middle school to high
14 school transformation, new teacher mentoring programs, district-wide advisory programs,
15 school based mentoring programs, school improvement and high stakes testing intervention
16 programs, college readiness initiatives, and the School Improvement Grant Program; and

17 WHEREAS, she is the founder of Dynamic Achievement Solutions, LLC, and established
18 House of a Second Chance, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides transitional housing
19 for teen parents in Clayton and Fulton counties; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Woodley has worked with several organizations, including the Bill and
21 Melinda Gates Foundation's Youth Truth Project and Small School Transformation

22 Initiatives, and served as the counseling director of the Morehouse College Upward Bound
23 Program; and

24 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage to her high school sweetheart, Alex Kelly III,
25 and is blessed with two remarkable children, Alexis and Alex Kelly, and is the surrogate
26 mother of two wonderful children, Aliana and Araya; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend Dr. Lateshia Woodley for her effective, efficient,
31 unselfish, and dedicated public service to her community and the State of Georgia.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Lateshia Woodley.