

## House Resolution 2147

By: Representatives Drenner of the 86<sup>th</sup>, Henson of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Abrams of the 84<sup>th</sup>, Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Mosby of the 90<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Representative Stephanie Stuckey Benfield on the occasion  
2 of her retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Representative Stephanie Stuckey Benfield has long been recognized by the  
4 citizens of this state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal  
5 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,  
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced  
8 dramatically by her superlative service with the Georgia House of Representatives; and

9 WHEREAS, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Georgia in 1989  
10 and graduated cum laude from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1992; and

11 WHEREAS, she has authored legislation to lower property taxes for DeKalb's senior citizens,  
12 mandate equal treatment for girl's athletic programs in public schools, increase patient's  
13 access to their medical records, crack down on domestic violence, and reform Georgia's child  
14 custody laws; and

15 WHEREAS, she began her career as a public defender, then started her own law practice,  
16 Stuckey and Manheimer, LLC, where she worked until 2002; and

17 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Representative Stuckey Benfield is an  
18 active member of Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church; and

19 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage to Robert H. Benfield, Jr., and together they  
20 are blessed with two remarkable children, Robert and Beverly; and

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

25 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
26 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

27 WHEREAS, Representative Stuckey Benfield has served with honor and distinction with the  
28 Georgia House of Representatives and her vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely  
29 missed upon the occasion of her retirement; and

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body commend Representative Stephanie Stuckey Benfield for her  
34 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia,  
35 congratulate her upon the grand occasion of her retirement, and extend to her their most  
36 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

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 Representative Stephanie  
39 Stuckey Benfield.