

House Resolution 2194

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Jordan of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, Waites of the 60th, Neal of the 75th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Honorable Daphne M. Walker; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, in 2004, the Honorable Daphne M. Walker made history by becoming the first
3 African American to sit as a judge in Clayton County, Georgia, when she was elected as the
4 chief magistrate judge for the Magistrate Court of Clayton County; and
- 5 WHEREAS, during her tenure, Judge Walker has served honorably as the chief magistrate
6 judge and court administrator for the Magistrate Court of Clayton County and has worked
7 tirelessly to strengthen the court's existing organizational framework by implementing a full
8 technology overhaul and automating all of the court processes, thereby significantly
9 improving overall case management for the court; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the Magistrate Court of Clayton County's policies and court processes
11 developed and implemented by Judge Walker for the court's domestic violence matters have
12 been emulated by courts throughout the State of Georgia; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she currently serves as the chair of the state-wide Judicial Council Task Force
14 on Domestic Courts and spearheaded the development of best practices and standards for
15 domestic violence courts in Georgia; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Judge Walker has remained passionate about providing mentorship to the future
17 leaders of Clayton County, the State of Georgia, and this nation, as demonstrated by her
18 service with numerous community organizations, including on the board of directors and as
19 an officer for the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc., the Girl Scouts of Pine Valley Council,
20 and the East Point/College Park Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Judge Walker's leadership and guidance has been instrumental to more than 100
22 students at Riverdale High School that she has mentored as a part of the State Bar of
23 Georgia's High School Mock Trial Competition; and

24 WHEREAS, she has received numerous honors, including the 2007 Clayton County
25 Chamber of Commerce Business Woman of the Year, the 2007 Gender in Justice Award, and
26 the 2009 Clayton County Bar Association Community Service Award; and

27 WHEREAS, she is a founding member of the Clayton Village Anti-Violence Task Force and
28 has worked diligently and consistently and given freely of her time, talents, and energy to
29 improve the quality of life for the citizens of Clayton County and the State of Georgia, and
30 it is abundantly fitting and proper that her accomplishments be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend the Honorable Daphne M. Walker for her many
33 contributions and her effective, efficient, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the
34 citizens of Clayton County and the State of Georgia.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable Daphne M.
37 Walker and her parents, the Honorable Melvin W. Walker, Jr., and Mrs. Jeraldine W.
38 Walker.