

House Resolution 571

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Brooks of the 55th, Thomas of the 56th, Bennett of the 94th, and Stovall of the 74th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Yvonne T. Robinson on her significant achievements; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Yvonne T. Robinson has long been recognized for the vital role that she has
4 played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of all; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, and ninth of ten children, she had to learn very
6 early the art of negotiating, coalition building, and conflict resolution; and

7 WHEREAS, she was educated in St. Louis, and her work with special needs children led her
8 to employment with the City of St. Louis Juvenile Detention Center in 1988; and

9 WHEREAS, after a city official refused to give juvenile detention employees the same
10 bonuses as all other City of St. Louis employees, Yvonne joined AFSCME Local 410 and
11 became a union steward during her first six months of employment; and

12 WHEREAS, she worked hard to help defeat four decertification attempts, and she later
13 became president and then staff representative of the AFSCME Local 410; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1996, she accepted a position of staff representative for AFSCME Council
15 31 where she worked hard to assure workers' rights were protected; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2008, Yvonne accepted a position with AFSCME International as an area
17 field service director and became part of the AFSCME Florida Voter Protection Project,
18 whose goal was to assure every eligible Miami-Dade voter could cast a vote; and

19 WHEREAS, she led the fight for union members and others in Florida during the 2011
20 Florida legislative session when anti-union, anti-family legislation was introduced; and

21 WHEREAS, also in 2011, Yvonne was elected as the first woman and first African American
22 secretary-treasurer of the Georgia State AFL-CIO, and she continues to fight state legislation
23 that attacks workers, women, and families; and

24 WHEREAS, Yvonne is the mother of two beloved children, Jesse and Jessica, and the loving
25 grandmother of Wynter Raye; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
27 remarkable individual be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Yvonne T. Robinson for her efficient and dedicated
30 public service and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for future success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Yvonne T. Robinson.