

House Resolution 662

By: Representative Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Senator Donzella James; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Senator Donzella James has long been recognized by the citizens of this state  
3 for her crucial role in the Georgia Senate and her deep personal commitment to the welfare  
4 of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, she earned her bachelor's degree in criminal justice and political science from  
6 Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia, and she received an honorary Doctorate of  
7 Humanities from Macon's Emmanuel Bible College and studied additionally at Georgia State  
8 University; and

9 WHEREAS, a Democrat with a proven record as a successful policy maker, Senator James  
10 represents metropolitan Atlanta's 35th District, which includes portions of Fulton and  
11 Douglas Counties; and

12 WHEREAS, she was first elected to the Georgia Senate in 1994 to fill the unexpired term of  
13 the late Senator Arthur Langford, and she proudly served four and one-half terms before  
14 leaving to serve in the United States Congress; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2009, Senator James returned to the Georgia Senate, where she serves as a  
16 member of the Education and Youth, Special Judiciary, State Institutions and Property, and  
17 State and Local Government Operations Committees; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator James has worked tirelessly to bring progressive change to this state,  
19 earning the distinguished reputation of being the voice of the voiceless; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2000, she received the prestigious honor of the John F. Kennedy Profiles in  
21 Courage Honorable Mention for authoring and introducing the acclaimed Zero Waste by  
22 2020 legislation, which went on to be adopted in 20 other states; and

23 WHEREAS, a steadfast advocate for middle-class families and a leader in community affairs,  
24 Senator James is a fiscally responsible professional and a strong woman of faith who has  
25 remained committed to family values and the salvation of Georgia's children; and

26 WHEREAS, she has been united in love and marriage to Mr. Elmo James for more than 35  
27 years, and the couple are the proud and loving parents of two sons, Brian James and the late  
28 Kerry James, and one daughter-in-law, Cheryl Renee, and grandparents of three  
29 grandchildren, Kerri, Ryan, and Bryce; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the dedicated service of this native  
31 Atlantan be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body recognize Senator Donzella James for her many years of service  
34 to her community, state, and country and commend her for her determined commitment to  
35 the welfare of all Georgians.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Senator Donzella James.