

House Resolution 667

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

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending "Able" Mable Thomas; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, "Able" Mable Thomas has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
3 her dedication to the welfare of all Georgians; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she is currently a member of the Georgia House of Representatives,  
5 representing House District 55, which encompasses areas immediately west and southwest  
6 of downtown Atlanta and areas west and northwest of midtown Atlanta; and
- 7 WHEREAS, her political career began when she was chosen as a presidential delegate for  
8 candidate Jesse Jackson at the 1984 Democratic National Convention; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in that same year, she won a seat in the Georgia House of Representatives,  
10 where she served four terms; in 1997, she ran for and won a seat on the Atlanta City Council;  
11 and in 2000 she returned to the Georgia House, where she served for six years; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in 2008, Representative Thomas challenged John Lewis for the United States  
13 House of Representatives seat for Georgia's Fifth Congressional District, and although she  
14 was defeated in the Democratic primary, Representative Thomas was admired by many for  
15 her tenacity and integrity; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Representative Thomas is heavily involved with revitalization efforts in The  
17 Bluff neighborhoods on Atlanta's westside and serves as both founder and director of The  
18 Greater Vine City Opportunities Program (GVCOP); and
- 19 WHEREAS, Representative Thomas and GVCOP have worked tirelessly in an effort to raise  
20 funds to convert the former English Avenue Elementary School into a community center; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that outstanding accomplishments of this  
22 remarkably driven Georgian are appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body recognize Representative "Able" Mable Thomas and commend her  
25 for her devotion to the welfare of the citizens of this state.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Representative "Able"  
28 Mable Thomas.