

House Resolution 711

By: Representatives Brooks of the 55th, Williams of the 168th, Howard of the 124th, Mayo of the 84th, Smith of the 125th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Madge Doreen Owens on the occasion of her retirement; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Madge Doreen Owens will retire on June 1, 2013, after 30 years of outstanding
4 service to the State of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Madge, the daughter of Dorothy Grant Owens and the late Talmadge Owens,
6 Sr., was born in the Hughes Spalding Pavilion of Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta,
7 Georgia, on Friday, September 19, 1958; and

8 WHEREAS, she attended Frank L. Stanton Elementary, Alonzo F. Herndon Elementary, and
9 Booker T. Washington High School, and in 1980, she graduated from Clark College,
10 receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communications; and she was a member of
11 the Philharmonic Society and Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and

12 WHEREAS, Madge has worked in college public relations and alumni affairs, and she was
13 a legislative aide for the late Georgia Representative Julius C. Daugherty; and

14 WHEREAS, in June, 1983, she was appointed by Secretary of State Max Cleland to the
15 Capitol Special Events Program, and in October, 1992, she began her service with the
16 Georgia General Assembly; and

17 WHEREAS, she serves as administrative assistant to eight wonderful members of the
18 Georgia House of Representatives, including Tyrone Brooks, Stacey Evans, Scott Holcomb,
19 Henry "Wayne" Howard, Rahn Mayo, Earnest G. Smith, "Able" Mable Thomas, and Al
20 Williams; and

21 WHEREAS, Madge is the author of three mystery novels, *To Silence Her Memory*, *The Final*
22 *Curve*, and *Just like Oblivion*; and

23 WHEREAS, she was named a "Phenomenal Trailblazer" by the National Organization of
24 Black Elected Legislative Women and was one of the first recipients of the historic NAACP
25 Atlanta Branch "Valuable Volunteer" award; and her other awards include the Atlanta Job
26 Corps Center's "Empowerment Excellence" award, Georgia Secretary of State's "Outstanding
27 Service" certificates, M.L. King Georgia State Holiday Commission's five years of
28 "Outstanding Service" plaque, Office of the Secretary of State's nine years of "Exceptional
29 Service" plaque, NCNW Southeastern Region's appreciation leadership and service plaques,
30 and the State of Georgia service certificates and pins; and

31 WHEREAS, she is a lifelong member of Central United Methodist Church; and she credits
32 her parents, her grandmother, Lillie Ora Dennis Grant, and her brother, Talmadge Owens,
33 Jr., as her greatest role models; and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
35 remarkable individual be recognized.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body commend Madge Doreen Owens on the occasion of her retirement.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Madge Doreen Owens.