

House Resolution 899

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Riley of the 50th, Alexander of the 66th, Abrams of the 89th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Ingrid Saunders Jones on the occasion of her retirement;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ingrid Saunders Jones, Senior Vice President of Global Community
4 Connections for the Coca-Cola Company and Chair of the Coca-Cola Foundation, has
5 decided to retire after 30 years of service in June, 2013; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones's countless contributions to the company and to the communities it
7 serves world wide have made her a vital asset in the success of Coca-Cola; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones's many successes include leading the transformation of the company's
9 philanthropic outreach and moving its community engagement from a United States focus
10 to today's global outreach, and, as a result, Coca-Cola's focus on global water stewardship,
11 active healthy living, community recycling, and education programs is making a real
12 difference in the lives of millions around the world; and

13 WHEREAS, because of the transformation Coca-Cola has undergone under Ms. Jones's
14 leadership, the company and its global foundation have become the gold standard for
15 corporate community engagement; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones has chaired a number of the most important organizations in our
17 community, including, but not limited to, the United Way of Metro Atlanta, the Woodruff
18 Arts Center annual campaign, the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, National
19 Black Arts Festival, and the Carter Center Board of Advisors; and

20 WHEREAS, she has also served on the board of many national and local organizations,
21 including the Ohio University President's Council on Women, the Apollo Theatre, the
22 Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, the Atlanta Rotary Club, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.,

23 the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, the Coca-Cola Africa Foundation, and the National
24 Council of Negro Women, of which she is currently chair; and

25 WHEREAS, in 1977, she accepted a City of Atlanta Fellowship and served as a legislative
26 analyst for then president of the Atlanta City Council, Carl Ware; she then went on to work
27 with the Honorable Maynard H. Jackson for three years before working at Coca-Cola; and

28 WHEREAS, Ms. Ingrid Saunders Jones has diligently and conscientiously devoted
29 innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of the Coca-Cola
30 Company and the Coca-Cola Foundation, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the
31 unforgettable legacy of this exemplary leader be recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend Ms. Ingrid Saunders Jones for her efficient, effective,
34 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and congratulate her upon the
35 grand occasion of her retirement.

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 Ms. Ingrid Saunders Jones.