

House Resolution 994

By: Representative Waites of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Bernice Papius-Chappell; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Bernice Papius-Chappell has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
3 for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
4 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, born on May 14, 1975, to Juliana Beausoliel and Joseph Papius, she knew from
6 the very beginning that she had a passion for bettering her community and became an instant
7 leader among her friends and loved ones, standing her ground and defending those in need;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, before fulfilling her lifelong dream of becoming a police officer, Bernice
10 received schooling at William H. Taft and ITT Technical College and started her professional
11 career as a FedEx Home Delivery employee; and

12 WHEREAS, in June, 2011, she became a part of the College Park Police Department,
13 performing a full range of brave law enforcement duties, including patrolling, community
14 policing, crime prevention, and transportation functions; and

15 WHEREAS, her superlative service has been recognized by the numerous awards and
16 distinctions she has received, including the City of College Park Proclamation award, which
17 recognized March 13 as Bernice Papius Day, and the City of College Park Police
18 Department's Soaring Eagle award; and

19 WHEREAS, she is the mother of three beloved children, Shakhyla Papius, Qadirah Ferguson,
20 and Makaelah Ferguson, and she is married to the love her life, Anthony Chappell; and

21 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
22 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Bernice Papius-Chappell.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bernice Papius-Chappell.