

House Resolution 1074

By: Representatives Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Stephenson of the 90th, Mosby of the 83rd, Kendrick of the 93rd, and Anderson of the 92nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commending Bonita Johnson and the Enchanted Closet, and recognizing
2 January 16, 2014, as Enchanted Closet Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Enchanted Closet, under the direction of Bonita Johnson, operates by
4 providing girls from low-income families the opportunity to attend the prom and other
5 similar occasions despite their financial situations; and

6 WHEREAS, by providing nearly 5,000 girls with formal dresses, families have been able to
7 direct their limited funds towards maintaining their households and paying for health care,
8 senior year expenses, and college application fees; and

9 WHEREAS, the Enchanted Closet's GIRL\$ Service-Learning Program has aided the
10 development of and enhanced the self-awareness, self-esteem, and self-sufficiency of more
11 than 500 middle and high school girls at risk for lower educational attainment, abuse, human
12 trafficking, pregnancy, poor health, and other adverse conditions; and

13 WHEREAS, after realizing that over 85 percent of the girls who attend the organization's
14 programs don't have a father in the home, the Enchanted Closet was inspired to provide an
15 opportunity for girls living in homes with or without fathers to speak with positive men who
16 help them to focus on gaining greater self-esteem, a more balanced perspective, and better
17 communication and decision-making skills; and

18 WHEREAS, the GIRL\$ MOVE! Program was inspired by First Lady Michelle Obama's
19 "Let's Move" initiative to reduce childhood obesity and promote healthy lifestyles; while the
20 primary target of the program is girls ages 12-19, free interactive seminars and activities are
21 offered to engage families in healthy eating/cooking, healthy lifestyles, and increased
22 physical activity; and

23 WHEREAS, the mission of the Enchanted Closet is to physically, mentally, and emotionally
24 outfit metropolitan Atlanta high school girls from low-income families through programs that
25 prepare them for social and professional milestones.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend Bonita Johnson and the Enchanted Closet's efforts in
28 improving the lives of girls from low-income families by not only providing them with
29 beautiful gowns for various special occasions, but for also assisting in their development
30 through programs like GIRL\$ Move, and recognize January 16, 2014, as Enchanted Closet
31 Day at the state capitol.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bonita Johnson.