

House Resolution 1443

By: Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th, and Barr of the 103rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Ms. Janet Michelle Pierce; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Ms. Janet Michelle Pierce on July 15, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ms. Pierce was a beloved daughter of Glenda and Rueben Pierce and sister to
5 Chad and Ani Pierce; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she served as valedictorian of the 1982 graduating class for Gainesville High
7 School, where she earned numerous academic awards and excelled at every endeavor she
8 attempted; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Ms. Pierce earned a bachelor's degree in management from the Georgia Institute
10 of Technology and went on to become a Certified Public Accountant; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she held positions at Ernst and Young, BET, and Price Waterhouse Coopers,
12 before serving as tax director for corporate tax issues at Turner Broadcasting Systems, Inc.;
13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Ms. Pierce was an active member of Trinity
15 Presbyterian Church and her love of God shone through every part of her life; and
- 16 WHEREAS, passionate about music, Ms. Pierce was an accomplished pianist, played clarinet
17 in her high school marching band, and was actively involved in her church's choir and hand
18 bells group; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Ms. Pierce was a community leader, assisting the Agape Community Center as
20 a member of the group's board of directors; and

21 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
22 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
23 her family and friends were admired by others; and

24 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
25 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,
26 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Ms. Pierce will long be remembered for
28 her love of family and friendship, and this loyal daughter, sister, aunt, and friend will be
29 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Ms. Janet Michelle Pierce
32 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ms. Janet
35 Michelle Pierce.