

House Resolution 1446

By: Representatives Rice of the 95th, Golick of the 40th, Hightower of the 68th, Powell of the 32nd, and Hitchens of the 161st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Jennifer Greene Ammons for her outstanding public
2 service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Ammons graduated from the University of Georgia cum laude with a
4 bachelor's degree in criminal justice studies in 1991 and from the University of Georgia
5 School of Law in 1994; and

6 WHEREAS, she served the public as an assistant district attorney in the Alcovy Judicial
7 Circuit for seven years, helping to keep her community a safer place to live and work by
8 prosecuting a high volume of misdemeanor and felony cases from bond hearing through
9 appeal; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Ammons was employed as general counsel by the Georgia Department of
11 Motor Vehicle Safety from 2001-2005, starting as deputy director of Legal Services, moving
12 quickly to director of Legal Services, and finally being promoted to division director; and

13 WHEREAS, as division director, she supervised her team of attorneys, P.O.S.T certified law
14 enforcement investigators, and support staff, providing in-house legal and law enforcement
15 services for the agency at a time when the department was tasked with the issuance of
16 driver's licenses, motor vehicle certificates of title and registration, motor carrier compliance,
17 and the regulation of driving related industries; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Ammons balanced excellent customer service with homeland security by
19 bringing her high level of energy and enthusiasm to whatever task was at hand; and

20 WHEREAS, she was subsequently employed as the first general counsel of the newly created
21 Department of Driver Services (DDS) beginning with the agency's inception in 2005; and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Ammons continued to excel in providing legal and investigative services
23 to the agency through efforts which included drafting and interpreting regulations and
24 legislation, responding to requests from internal and external customers for interpretations
25 of applicable statutory and regulatory provisions, and representing the agency at
26 administrative hearings; and

27 WHEREAS, as general counsel for the DDS, Ms. Ammons's credibility with both the legal
28 community and the members of the public is beyond reproach; she is highly respected for her
29 knowledge and professionalism and is frequently invited to speak at seminars and
30 conferences for the legal, judicial, motor vehicle and licensing, and law enforcement
31 communities; and

32 WHEREAS, she demonstrates the DDS core values of C.A.R.E. on a daily basis by her
33 actions and words: Communication, by providing pertinent information to her staff, DDS
34 team members, the legal and judicial communities, and drivers in this and other states in a
35 consistent and courteous manner; Accountability, by empowering her employees, allowing
36 them professional growth opportunities, and measuring their performance with feedback on
37 areas of improvement; Respect, by always making herself available to listen attentively and
38 assisting internal and external customers in a timely and professional manner; and Ethics, by
39 demonstrating integrity and honesty in all of her actions and decisions; and

40 WHEREAS, Ms. Ammons was recognized as one of Georgia's "Legal Elite for Government
41 Affairs" for 2010 by *Georgia Trend* magazine, as nominated and selected by her peers as one
42 of Georgia's top attorneys and a champion in her field; and

43 WHEREAS, she strives to increase the knowledge of the prosecutorial and defense bars and
44 the judiciary regarding driver's license law by publishing related articles in the *Georgia*
45 *Traffic Prosecutor* and by coordinating and lecturing at annual Driver's License Law
46 Continuing Legal Education seminars sponsored by the State Bar of Georgia; and

47 WHEREAS, Ms. Ammons has served the Department of Driver Services, the Georgia legal,
48 judicial, and law enforcement groups, the licensed drivers of Georgia and many other states,
49 and the people of Georgia in an exemplary manner.

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
51 the members of this body recognize the accomplishments of Ms. Jennifer Greene Ammons,

52 commend her for her contributions to the Department of Driver Services and the State of
53 Georgia, and wish her success in her future endeavors.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
55 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Jennifer Greene
56 Ammons.