

## House Resolution 1529

By: Representatives Dawkins-Haigler of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup>, Abrams of the 89<sup>th</sup>, Brooks of the 55<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ms. Xernona Clayton and inviting her to be recognized by the House of  
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Xernona Clayton is the founder, president, and CEO of the Trumpet Awards  
4 Foundation, Inc., and creator and executive producer of the foundation's Trumpet Awards;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the Trumpet Awards is a prestigious event that highlights African American  
7 accomplishments and contributions; and

8 WHEREAS, initiated in 1993 by Turner Broadcasting, the Trumpet Awards has been  
9 televised annually and distributed internationally to more than 185 countries around the  
10 world; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Clayton began her television career in 1967 and became the South's first  
12 black person to have their own television show, the Xernona Clayton Show, which was a  
13 regular feature of WAGA-TV in Atlanta; and

14 WHEREAS, she was employed by Turner Broadcasting for nearly 30 years, serving as a  
15 corporate executive, and in 1988, was appointed as corporate vice president for urban affairs  
16 with the company; and

17 WHEREAS, as a corporate executive, Ms. Clayton was one of the highest-ranking female  
18 employees at Turner Broadcasting; and

19 WHEREAS, dedicated to promoting racial understanding, Ms. Clayton has been a leader in  
20 civic projects and civil rights activities for many years, including the Doctor's Committee for  
21 Implementation, which resulted in the desegregation of all hospital facilities in Atlanta; and

22 WHEREAS, she has also been the recipient of numerous media awards and has been widely  
23 honored for her contributions to humanity; and

24 WHEREAS, the National Association of Minorities in Cable (NAMIC) presented to Ms.  
25 Clayton its highest award, the Mickey Leland Award; she has also been awarded the 1996  
26 Distinguished Leadership Award by the National Association for Equal Opportunity  
27 (NAFEO); and

28 WHEREAS, in 2004, she was presented with the Leadership and Dedication in Civil Rights  
29 Award by the State of Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity; and

30 WHEREAS, Ms. Clayton is united in love and marriage to Judge Paul L. Brady and is an  
31 active member of Ebenezer Baptist Church; and

32 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
33 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and it is only proper that the outstanding  
34 accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body commend Ms. Xernona Clayton for her numerous outstanding  
37 achievements as a trailblazer in the broadcasting industry and civil rights activist and invite  
38 her to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined by  
39 the Speaker of the House.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
41 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Xernona Clayton.