

House Resolution 1647

By: Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Braddock of the 19th, Randall of the 142nd, Smith of the 70th, Jones of the 47th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Legislative Women's Caucus Servant Leadership Award recipients
2 and recognizing March as Women's History Month 2014 at the state capitol; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in 1987, Congress declared March to serve as "Women's History Month" to
5 acknowledge the important role women have played in shaping America; and

6 WHEREAS, every year, during the month of March, hundreds of thousands of events are
7 held throughout the country to acknowledge and recognize the amazing accomplishments of
8 women, and the popularity of women's history celebration has sparked a new interest in
9 uncovering women's forgotten heritage; and

10 WHEREAS, National Women's History Month provides an opportunity to educate the
11 general public about the significant role of women in American history and contemporary
12 society; and

13 WHEREAS, knowledge of women's history is essential to encourage and inspire girls and
14 women to think larger and bolder and provides all individuals with an expansive idea of what
15 women can accomplish; and

16 WHEREAS, women in the State of Georgia have historically been integral parts of this
17 state's society and provided leadership in many areas, including education, government, law,
18 medicine, science, advocacy, and spirituality; and

19 WHEREAS, in recognition of the many women who serve Georgia in various ways, the
20 Legislative Women's Caucus wishes to recognize the following outstanding women: Sparkle
21 K. Adams, from City of Forest Park, Mayor, recommended by Representative Keisha Waites;
22 Deborah Anderson, from Rockdale County, Educator, recommended by Representative

23 Tonya Anderson; Marie Barber, from Clayton County, Board Chair of the Clayton County
24 Water Authority, recommended by Representative Sandra Scott; Cher Best, from Augusta,
25 Journalist, recommended by Representative Gloria Frazier; Ann Brown, from Atlanta,
26 Community Advocate, recommended by Representative Karla Drenner; Juanita Clay, from
27 Hiram, Children's Advocate, recommended by Representative Kimberly Alexander; Billie
28 Cox, from Rockdale County, Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, recommended by
29 Representative Pam Dickerson; Sonja L. Matthews-Coaxum, from Columbus, Educator,
30 recommended by Representative Carolyn Hugley; Lawanda H. Folami, from Clayton
31 County, Minister and Community Activist, recommended by Representative Valencia
32 Stovall; Veda Johnson, from Atlanta, Medical Doctor and Director of the Urban Health
33 Program, recommended by Representative Pat Gardner; Romona Jackson Jones, Public
34 Service Executive, recommended by Senator Donzella James; Lakita C. Lackey, from
35 Atlanta, Religious Leader and Community Activist, recommended by Representative Sharon
36 Beasley-Teague; Serena G. McElrath, from Ellenwood, Educator, recommended by Senator
37 Gail Davenport; Polly McKinney, from Atlanta, Children's Advocate and Producer,
38 recommended by Representative Stacey Abrams; Elaine Davis-Nickens, from Lithonia,
39 Co-founder and Managing Partner of Connection Consultants, LLC, recommended by
40 Representative Dee Dawkins-Haigler; Wendy Seay Oliver, from Atlanta, Speech Pathologist
41 and Coach, recommended by Senator Valencia Seay; Joscelyn C. O'Neil, from DeKalb
42 County, Community Servant, recommended by Representative Michele Henson; Ola
43 Reynolds, from Atlanta, Community Volunteer, recommended by Representative Sheila
44 Jones; Linda Nasrah-Smith, from Atlanta, Midwife, recommended by Representative "Able"
45 Mable Thomas; Virginia Stringfellow, from Talbot County, Educator and Community
46 Servant, recommended by Representative Debbie Buckner; Pearlle Toliver, from Macon,
47 Retired Banker and Community Volunteer, recommended by Representative Nikki Randall;
48 Dorothy Wiley, from Atlanta, Community Volunteer, recommended by Representative Karen
49 Bennett; and Allison Wilkerson, Gwinnett County government, recommended by
50 Representative Joyce Chandler.

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
52 the members of this body commend the Georgia Legislative Women's Caucus Servant
53 Leadership Award recipients for their invaluable service to their communities and the State
54 of Georgia and recognize March as Women's History Month 2014 at the state capitol.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
56 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each of the recipients named
57 herein.