

## House Resolution 1697

By: Representatives Cooper of the 43<sup>rd</sup>, Watson of the 166<sup>th</sup>, Rynders of the 152<sup>nd</sup>, Cheokas of the 138<sup>th</sup>, Kaiser of the 59<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Joyce Bias Norwood on the occasion of her retirement; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Joyce Bias Norwood retired as an administrative assistant on June 1, 2013, after  
4 20 years of outstanding service to the State of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Norwood has long been recognized by the citizens of this great state for  
6 the vital role she has played with exceptional service, and her hard work has consistently  
7 marked her devotion to helping citizens achieve the highest standards of excellence; and

8 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously demonstrated a commitment of ensuring  
9 the proper administration of the legislative process and the handling of thousands of  
10 constituent needs with compassion, always performing a myriad of duties earnestly,  
11 competently, and with professionalism; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Norwood's significant organizational and leadership skills, her remarkable  
13 patience, love, kindness, wisdom, sensitivity, cheerfulness, sense of giving, and pleasant  
14 attitude throughout many legislative sessions have earned her the respect and admiration of  
15 her colleagues, legislators, aides, interns, the public, and lobbyists as a great humanitarian;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, she began her career with the Georgia General Assembly in 1993, under  
18 Governor Zell Miller, and was hired by the late Speaker Thomas B. Murphy, Representative  
19 David Lucas, and Representative William C. Randall; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Norwood also had the pleasure of working with other wonderful  
21 committee chairpersons in the state capitol, including Curtis Jenkins, Nan Orrock, and Buddy  
22 Childers; and

23 WHEREAS, her challenging career came to an end in 2013 with Governor Nathan Deal,  
24 Speaker David Ralston, Representative Joe Wilkinson, and Representative Sharon Cooper;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Mrs. Norwood has served with honor and distinction with the Georgia General  
27 Assembly, and her vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon the  
28 occasion of her retirement; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
30 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body recognize and commend Joyce Bias Norwood for her efficient,  
33 effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to the State of Georgia; congratulate her upon the  
34 grand occasion of her retirement; and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for  
35 continued health and happiness.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Joyce Bias Norwood.