

## House Resolution 1742

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Anderson of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, and Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Erica L. Woodford in honor of Women's History Month 2014;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Honorable Erica L. Woodford serves as the Clerk of the Superior Court of  
4 Bibb County, Georgia, and is the first African American to hold this constitutional office in  
5 Bibb County; and

6 WHEREAS, prior to being elected as Clerk, Ms. Woodford served the Macon and Middle  
7 Georgia community for more than a decade, serving in the judiciary, operating a private law  
8 practice, and teaching at the university level; and

9 WHEREAS, in the first year of her administration, Ms. Woodford has worked diligently to  
10 make the Clerk's Office more efficient and user friendly; she has implemented a number of  
11 initiatives, including automating the jury management system, installing systems to accept  
12 credit cards, debit cards, and online payments, as well as beginning an electronic filing  
13 program; and

14 WHEREAS, she has worked diligently to improve access to the court system by hiring a  
15 bilingual clerk and training the office staff on effective customer service skills; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Woodford practiced law for eight years in the areas of juvenile, family, and  
17 criminal matters until she was appointed to serve a four-year term as associate judge and  
18 magistrate in Bibb County Civil and Magistrate Courts; and

19 WHEREAS, she is a member of the State Bar of Georgia, United States District Court  
20 Middle District of Georgia, Georgia Supreme Court, Georgia Court of Appeals, State Bar of  
21 Georgia Committee on Professionalism, Constitutional Officers Association of Georgia,

22 Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia Strategic Planning Committee, American Bar  
23 Association, and Macon Bar Association; and

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Woodford is also a former member of the Council of Magistrate Judges  
25 Domestic Violence Committee, Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, Macon  
26 Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and National Association of Criminal Defense  
27 Lawyers; and

28 WHEREAS, she has served as an adjunct professor at Wesleyan College, Fort Valley State  
29 University, Central Georgia Technical College, and University of Phoenix; additionally, Ms.  
30 Woodford has volunteered in Bibb County public schools and has presented lectures and  
31 seminars at Middle Georgia churches and community centers on topics ranging from civic  
32 duties to domestic violence awareness; and

33 WHEREAS, Ms. Woodford is a native of Macon, Georgia, and earned her Bachelor of Arts  
34 from Mercer University in 1997 and Juris Doctorate from Cumberland School of Law of  
35 Samford University in 2000; and

36 WHEREAS, she is the mother of two talented children, Ashley and Eric, and attends  
37 Unionville Missionary Baptist Church in Macon; and

38 WHEREAS, Women's History Month, March, 2014, is set aside to celebrate and honor these  
39 women who have contributed their time and talents to the betterment of this state and nation,  
40 and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
41 remarkable Georgian be recognized.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
43 the members of this body recognize and commend Erica L. Woodford in honor of Women's  
44 History Month 2014 for her extraordinary dedication to protecting and improving the quality  
45 of life of her fellow citizens and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for continued  
46 success.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
48 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Erica L. Woodford.