

House Resolution 1744

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Carolyn LaVerne Davenport in honor of Women's History
2 Month 2014; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Carolyn LaVerne Davenport graduated valedictorian from W.A. Fountain High
4 School in 1965 and received her bachelor's degree in sociology and education from Spelman
5 College in 1969 where she was a member of the Glee Club and Alpha Kappa Delta
6 Sociological Honor Society; and

7 WHEREAS, she earned her master's degree in elementary education from Atlanta University
8 in 1972 and an education specialist degree from Clark Atlanta University in 2005; and

9 WHEREAS, Carolyn has enjoyed a 34-year career in education with the Clayton County
10 Public School System, teaching first and third grade students at George M. Kilpatrick
11 Elementary School, from which she received an honorary life membership from the Georgia
12 Parent Teacher Association in 1981 and a Certificate of Special Achievement from the
13 American Red Cross Youth Services; and

14 WHEREAS, prior to her career as an educator, Carolyn graduated from the Pan American
15 World Airways Stewardess College and became a flight attendant for Pan American World
16 Airways in 1969; and

17 WHEREAS, she assisted in starting the Clayton County Campaign for the United Negro
18 College Fund more than 25 years ago and has actively raised funds for UNCF; she received
19 the 1991 United Negro College Fund Star Volunteer Award and the 2000 South Metro Salute
20 to Higher Education Award; and

21 WHEREAS, for the past 20 years, Carolyn has served on the Salute to Greatness Awards
22 Dinner for the King Center, honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

23 WHEREAS, she has worked on the Clayton County Martin Luther King, Jr., Annual
24 Ecumenical Service committee, sponsored by the Concerned Black Citizens Coalition of
25 Clayton County, and has served on the Executive Committee of the Clayton County Branch
26 of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; in 1989, she received
27 the Distinguished Service Award by the Concerned Black Citizens Coalition of Clayton
28 County; and

29 WHEREAS, Carolyn is an active member of the Atlanta Chapter of World Wings
30 International, a philanthropic organization of former and present flight attendants where she
31 supports fundraising efforts for CARE International and numerous charities; and

32 WHEREAS, she is a member of Andrews Chapel United Methodist Church in Jonesboro,
33 Georgia, where she serves as one of the church's organists; and

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

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body recognize and commend Carolyn LaVerne Davenport in honor of
40 Women's History Month 2014 for her extraordinary dedication to protecting and improving
41 the quality of life of her fellow citizens and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for
42 continued success.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Carolyn LaVerne
45 Davenport.