

## House Resolution 1746

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

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Representative Susan Holmes in honor of Women's History  
2 Month 2014; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a seventh generation Jasper Countian, Representative Susan Holmes was an  
4 honor graduate of Monticello High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Business  
5 Education from the University of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she has taught school, both public and private; served as a postmaster and a  
7 legal assistant; was chief financial officer of a family owned insurance company; and is a  
8 licensed real estate agent; and

9 WHEREAS, she was elected mayor of the City of Monticello and served in that capacity for  
10 12 years; as the first female mayor working with a majority black council, Representative  
11 Holmes succeeded in bringing many honors to the city along with making unprecedented  
12 progress; and

13 WHEREAS, Governor Sonny Perdue appointed Representative Holmes as vice chair of the  
14 Rural Development Council and appointed her to the Georgia Workforce Development  
15 Council; and

16 WHEREAS, Representative Holmes has served on the board of directors of Griffin Technical  
17 College and Piedmont Academy, and has been a member of the Jasper County Zoning Board,  
18 Jasper Memorial Hospital Board, the Jasper County Library Board, and the Georgia Trust  
19 for Historic Preservation; and

20 WHEREAS, she has served on the boards of the Northeast Georgia Regional Development  
21 Center, the Georgia Academy of Economic Development, the Carl Vinson Institute of  
22 Government Training Board, Leadership Jasper, and the Monticello Downtown Development  
23 Authority; and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Holmes has been selected as Monticello-Jasper County Citizen  
25 of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce, was named one of the 100 Most Influential  
26 Georgians by *Georgia Trend* magazine, and was recognized as one of the five most  
27 outstanding women in Middle Georgia by the Girl Scouts; and

28 WHEREAS, in January 2007, President George W. Bush appointed her as State Executive  
29 Director of the Farm Service Agency for the State of Georgia; with 84 offices around this  
30 state, Representative Holmes administered and managed farm commodity, credit,  
31 conservation disaster, and loan programs; and

32 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage to Paul Holmes and is blessed with three  
33 remarkable children, John, Cammie, and Sam, and eight wonderful grandchildren; and

34 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Representative Holmes is an active member  
35 of Monticello Presbyterian Church; and

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

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

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
46 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Representative Susan  
47 Holmes.