House Resolution 1746
By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Anderson of the 92nd, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, and Scott of the 76th

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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