

House Resolution 2025

By: Representative Waites of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Association of Parliamentarians and recognizing April, 2014, as
2 Parliamentarian Month; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Parliamentarians (GAP) is a statewide, nonprofit
4 organization that assists people to better understand parliamentary procedures; and

5 WHEREAS, parliamentary procedure, or parliamentary law, refers to the rules of democracy
6 – the commonly accepted way a group of people come together, present and discuss possible
7 courses of action, and make decisions; and

8 WHEREAS, parliamentary procedure also defines what duties people typically have when
9 they are elected the president, secretary, or treasurer of an organization; and

10 WHEREAS, fundamentally, parliamentary procedure defines how groups of people, no
11 matter how formal or informal, can most effectively meet and make decisions in a fair,
12 consistent manner; and

13 WHEREAS, while parliamentary procedure cannot guarantee that every member of an
14 organization is pleased with the outcome of a decision, it aims to ensure that every member
15 is satisfied by the manner in which the decision was made, and that the organization makes
16 decisions efficiently but with consideration for every member's opinion; and

17 WHEREAS, Parliamentarian Month has been established in special recognition of Thomas
18 Jefferson, the third president of the United States and author of the first American manual
19 of parliamentary practice, and in recognition of Henry Martyn Robert, the author of *Pocket*
20 *Manual Rules of Order for Deliberate Assemblies*, more commonly known as *Robert's Rules*
21 *of Order*; and

22 WHEREAS, it is the hope of Corliess Baker, president of the Georgia Association of
23 Parliamentarians, that April, 2014, be observed as Parliamentarian Month with appropriate
24 public programs, ceremonies, and activities that will encourage this great state to promote
25 democratic processes and efficient organization meetings through parliamentary practice.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend the Georgia Association of Parliamentarians and
28 recognize April, 2014, as Parliamentarian Month.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Association of
31 Parliamentarians.