

House Resolution 2017

By: Representatives Waites of the 60th, Scott of the 76th, Brooks of the 55th, Stovall of the 74th, Sharper of the 177th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Representative Sheila Jones; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Representative Sheila Jones is the representative for House District 53, which
3 includes portions of Fulton and Cobb counties; she was sworn into office on January 10,
4 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, she serves on several committees, such as House Appropriations, Health and
6 Human Services, Juvenile Justice, and Transportation; she has also served as vice chair of
7 the Rail Subcommittee for the Transportation Committee; and

8 WHEREAS, before her election to the House, Representative Jones served as the legislative
9 representative for the Georgia State Council of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Union
10 AFL-CIO; and

11 WHEREAS, in this capacity, she represented more than 9,000 working men and women
12 throughout the State of Georgia, meeting with both state and national lawmakers to discuss
13 issues affecting working families, such as the minimum wage, unemployment benefits, and
14 workers compensation; and

15 WHEREAS, after 34 years of distinguished service, Representative Jones retired from
16 Lockheed Martin, where she was an active member of the International Association of
17 Machinists and Aerospace Workers Union AFL-CIO Local Lodge 709; and

18 WHEREAS, while at Lockheed Martin, she held numerous positions, including shop
19 steward, grand lodge convention delegate, women's convention delegate, bylaws committee
20 chair, member of the legislative committee, and member of the executive board, where she
21 was the union's first female trustee; and

22 WHEREAS, Representative Jones has been a member of the American Civil Liberties Union
23 of Georgia Board, Disabled American Veterans Commanders Club, National Council of
24 Negro Women, and the Sierra Club; and

25 WHEREAS, she was elected twice to represent the State of Georgia at the Democratic
26 National Convention, is an executive committee member of the Fulton County Democratic
27 Party, and a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Atlanta Alumnae Chapter; and

28 WHEREAS, as a state representative, Representative Jones has worked with veterans, senior
29 citizens, youth, and constituents in her district; some of her work in her community includes:
30 providing school supplies to students, hosting health fairs, recognizing the teacher of the year
31 and graduating students, and giving out holiday food baskets; and

32 WHEREAS, several organizations have recognized the legislative service of Representative
33 Jones over the past decade, such as the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus, Cobb Democratic
34 Women, Georgia Conservation Voters, Cobb Democratic Committee, and the Northwest
35 Business Association; and

36 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
37 remarkable legislator be appropriately recognized.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body recognize and commend Representative Sheila Jones for her
40 dedication and commitment to her constituents and the State of Georgia.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Representative Sheila Jones.