

House Resolution 457

By: Representatives Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Kendrick of the 93rd, Stephenson of the 90th, Mosby of the 83rd, and Anderson of the 92nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Roderick Cunningham for his efforts to assist victims of domestic violence and
2 inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Roderick Cunningham is the founder and executive director of the Beverly
4 Cunningham Outreach Program, a Section 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2010 which
5 serves victims of domestic violence; and

6 WHEREAS, the mission of the Beverly Cunningham Outreach Program is to provide
7 individual and group counseling, advocacy, and rehabilitation services to survivors of
8 domestic violence; and

9 WHEREAS, the foundation seeks to be an outlet for community youth who are at risk of
10 becoming victims of violence or substance abuse or who are impacted by health issues, and
11 it has helped more than 4,100 children, women, and families through its domestic violence
12 programs, economic empowerment programs, and community outreach programs from
13 2010-2013; and

14 WHEREAS, Roderick has received numerous community service awards, resolutions, and
15 proclamations from the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners and state representatives;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, he is a member of the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence 2013-2015
18 Board of Directors; Strengthening Families and Communities Coalition of Atlanta; Ryan
19 Cameron Foundation Teen Dating Violence Committee; PADV Teen Dating Summit
20 Committee; Georgia Department of Labor-DeKalb/Rockdale Employer Committee; DeKalb
21 County School District-Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education Business Partner;
22 DeKalb County Chamber of Commerce; and the Georgia Chamber of Commerce; and

23 WHEREAS, he has been featured on several blog talk radio shows and in several newspaper
24 articles and has been a panelist for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the United States
25 Department of Families and Children Services Region 4 Head Start Conference, and the
26 Georgia Department of Corrections and Parole; and

27 WHEREAS, he valiantly and courageously served in the United States Navy and worked in
28 corporate security as a project manager before founding the Beverly Cunningham Outreach
29 Program; and

30 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to Muqueet Pelham-Cunningham and is
31 blessed with a beautiful daughter, Journeé Maria Cunningham; and

32 WHEREAS, Roderick Cunningham is dedicated and determined to helping victims of
33 domestic violence and working toward ending it completely, and it is abundantly fitting and
34 proper for him to be honored.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body commend Roderick Cunningham for his efforts to assist victims
37 of domestic violence and invite him to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a
38 date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
41 Roderick Cunningham.