

## House Resolution 728

By: Representatives Bentley of the 139<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Glanton of the 75<sup>th</sup>, Waites of the 60<sup>th</sup>, and Stovall of the 74<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ladies of Favor; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ladies of Favor, Inc., is a non-profit organization in the metropolitan Atlanta  
3 area that helps elementary, middle, and high school girls in embracing spiritual guidance,  
4 promoting abstinence and purity, increasing self-esteem, and building leadership; and

5 WHEREAS, it was founded January 19, 2007, by Ms. Gabrielle Starr, a social worker with  
6 the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services, who had a vision to touch the lives  
7 of teenage girls in order to build the image of young ladies and encourage them to have a  
8 closer relationship with God; and

9 WHEREAS, it provides personal mentoring, group mentoring, tele-mentoring,  
10 Parent/Daughter Relationship Development, "Starrific Speaking", A'Lady Academy Summer  
11 Empowerment Program, scholarship pageants, performing arts, internships, exposure trips,  
12 and more and has impacted the lives of more than 3,000 young ladies in the metropolitan  
13 Atlanta area; and

14 WHEREAS, it has been recognized in local newspapers, magazines, and television stations  
15 such as 11 Alive, We Are Clayton, Clayton News Daily, and WIGO 1570 AM and has  
16 established partnerships with government organizations such as National Association of  
17 Black Social Workers; Clayton County Juvenile Court; Clayton County Department of  
18 Family and Children Services; Clayton County Parks and Recreation; Clayton County  
19 Library System; and local colleges and universities, churches and schools; and

20 WHEREAS, Ladies of Favor was featured on CNN in April, 2010, as an organization  
21 tackling the bullying epidemic with teens and highlighted for assisting with the turnaround  
22 from deviant behavior; shortly thereafter, Ladies of Favor participants were interviewed by  
23 producers from Nickelodeon for the Nick News with Linda Ellerbee Show to share  
24 experiences of being bullied; and

25 WHEREAS, it is being sought after for programming suggestions by youth servicing  
26 organizations in California, Illinois, Texas, Maryland, Kansas, Arkansas, and other states  
27 across the country; and

28 WHEREAS, success stories include 90 percent high school graduation rate, decrease in  
29 sexual activity, detrimental relationships with parents are restored, self-image is thought  
30 about more carefully, and a closer spiritual connection is sought; and

31 WHEREAS, Ladies of Favor grew to five sites in 2014, participants performed a combined  
32 total of over 130 community service hours, and a \$10,000.00 scholarship was created to  
33 allow a girl with high scholastic achievement to attend Clayton State University; and

34 WHEREAS, with its vision to reach teens through mentoring, television and radio broadcast,  
35 stage plays, clothing lines, magazines, books, establishing centers, homes, and more, it is on  
36 a quest to impact youth internationally and take them to higher levels spiritually, mentally,  
37 and socially.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
39 the members of this body commend Ladies of Favor for its dedication and commitment to  
40 providing a positive influence for girls in the State of Georgia.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
42 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
43 Ladies of Favor, Inc.