

House Resolution 749

By: Representative Marin of the 96th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Jeffrey Tapia for her life of dedicated service; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, born the daughter of an anthropologist and an investigative journalist, Jeffrey
3 Tapia has distinguished herself in a life of serving her beloved community; and
- 4 WHEREAS, under her supervision and direction, the Latin American Association (LAA) has
5 been able to serve more than 50,000 people annually; and
- 6 WHEREAS, under Jeffrey Tapia's leadership, the mission of the LAA has been and
7 continues to be a place that helps Latinos achieve self-sufficiency, set down roots, and build
8 a prosperous community; and
- 9 WHEREAS, this mission has led the LAA to become a center for legal counsel, housing
10 assistance, work placement, educational programs, community and collegiate cooperation,
11 and an overall center of service for the community; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the LAA continues to fulfill the vital role of diplomacy and connection between
13 the Latino community, the greater Atlanta metropolitan region, and the State of Georgia; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Jeffrey Tapia has been a dedicated public servant for more than three decades,
15 during which time she has worked diligently to ensure that all of Georgia's children had
16 access to public education, regardless of their immigration status; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the Latin America Association and Latinos owe a great deal to the meticulous
18 and unyielding work of this great Georgian, and it is appropriate that an individual who has
19 contributed so much to the community and served as a role model for many be recognized
20 by this body.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body commend Jeffrey Tapia for a life of serving the community, for
23 becoming a bridge between the state and the Latino community, for promoting the
24 self-sufficiency of her beloved community, and for working tirelessly to leave this state
25 better than she found it.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
28 Jeffrey Tapia.