

House Resolution 899

By: Representatives Abrams of the 89th, O`Neal of the 146th, Stephenson of the 90th, Oliver of the 82nd, Kendrick of the 93rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Patrise Perkins-Hooker; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Patrise Perkins-Hooker is a judiciously committed soul truly dedicated to
3 service, to community, and to leadership; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she serves the Atlanta community from the food lines of Hosea Feed the
5 Hungry, as the consummate volunteer, to the board rooms of Buckhead foundations,
6 challenging the status quo; and
- 7 WHEREAS, in 2014, Patrise was elected as the first African American to serve as the
8 President of the State Bar of Georgia, and she also has served as its Vice President,
9 Secretary, and Treasurer; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she is a well-respected and highly distinguished attorney in the City of Atlanta
11 and the wider community of the State of Georgia; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Georgia awarded Patrise the prestigious Amicus Curiae
13 Award for her outstanding volunteer service and professionalism in the practice of law in
14 1996; she served 14 years as Co-Chair of the State Bar of Georgia's Commission on Children
15 and the Courts, has taught at Emory Law and Business Schools, and has mentored young
16 lawyers and young people throughout her adult life; and
- 17 WHEREAS, she graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a degree in
18 Industrial Management; received a Joint Juris Doctor and a Masters of Business
19 Administration from Emory University in 1984, graduating with high honors; and was
20 presented the Wall Street Journal Outstanding Achievement Award and the Outstanding
21 Minority Law Student Award from Emory Law School; and

22 WHEREAS, was admitted to practice law in the State of Georgia in 1984, the Federal
23 District of Northern Georgia and Tax Courts in 1984, and the Supreme Court of Georgia in
24 1989; and

25 WHEREAS, she serves on the State of Georgia Bar Association's Board of Governors,
26 Commission on Children and the Courts, Sub-Committee on Professionalism, Budget
27 Committee, and has faithfully served on the Community Service Task Force and as a
28 member of the Investigative Panel; and

29 WHEREAS, she has also served on the Atlanta Bar Association's Board of Governors, is a
30 long-time member of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, and she proudly
31 served as the Gate City Bar Association's president in 1996 and its treasurer in 2003; and

32 WHEREAS, she is listed in numerous Who's Who editions, including Who's Who in Black
33 Atlanta, and she was selected as one of the 2005 "Super Lawyers" by *Atlanta Magazine*; and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
35 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body commend Patrise Perkins-Hooker and recognize her as the first
38 African American and the third woman elected as President of the Georgia Bar Association.

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 Patrise Perkins-Hooker.