

## House Resolution 1021

By: Representatives Gardner of the 57<sup>th</sup>, Thomas of the 56<sup>th</sup>, and Metze of the 55<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Lynnise Nia Knowles; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lynnise Nia Knowles, a Brooklyn, New York, native, is a wife, mother,  
3 teacher, and community advocate; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Knowles's family relocated to Atlanta in 1992, and she attended Sylvan  
5 Middle School and Washington High School, where she learned the value of having an  
6 entrepreneurial mind and her evangelical principles; and
- 7 WHEREAS, at the age of 15, she opted to return to New York, where she met her husband  
8 of 14 years, Reginald Knowles, and where she attended New York University to study  
9 computer science and human resources while simultaneously pursuing a full-time career in  
10 the information technology field as a recruiter; and
- 11 WHEREAS, during this time, she was the recipient of several accolades in her field and  
12 worked for such companies as Deloitte & Touche, JP Morgan Chase, and Ernst & Young;  
13 and it was here that she witnessed the devastation left behind during the gentrification  
14 process in New York; and
- 15 WHEREAS, after the birth of her first child, she returned in 2001 to Atlanta, where she  
16 currently resides in the Westview community and homeschools her three children; and
- 17 WHEREAS, she is the managing broker and owner of Area West Reality, a small southwest  
18 real estate boutique committed to neighborhood redevelopment and stabilization; and
- 19 WHEREAS, with the support of her mentor, Tacuma Brown, she has served for three terms  
20 as the President of the Neighborhood Planning Unit-T after working in other roles such as  
21 recording secretary and public relations officer; and

22 WHEREAS, during her term, the Neighborhood Planning Unit-T, which encompasses eight  
23 Intown associations in and around the Historic West End, has gained much support and  
24 recognition from within the City of Atlanta as one of their most well-organized neighborhood  
25 planning units, and their recommendations have been upheld within the License and Zoning  
26 review boards.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body commend Mrs. Lynnise Nia Knowles for her unselfish and  
29 dedicated service to her community and state.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mrs.  
32 Lynnise Nia Knowles.