

House Resolution 1043

By: Representative Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ms. Grace M. Lopez-Williams; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Grace M. Lopez-Williams holds a BBA in accounting from the University  
3 of Puerto Rico, an MBA from Loyola University, and the following certifications in the  
4 financial and tax areas: Financial Advisory Certification, Personal Financial Specialist,  
5 FINRA Series 6, 7, 63, and 65 Certification, Certified Tax Resolution Specialist, and Tax  
6 Coach; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Lopez-Williams was the first Latino member appointed by Governor Roy  
8 Barnes to the Workforce Investment Board, and during his term, Governor Sonny Perdue  
9 appointed Ms. Lopez-Williams to the Georgia State Board of Accountancy, where, as the  
10 only Latina and youngest woman on the State Board of Accountancy, she was nominated by  
11 her peers as the board's chairperson; and

12 WHEREAS, she has received many prestigious awards, including Business Woman of the  
13 Year from the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, one of Atlanta's 100 Most  
14 Influential Women in Business by the organization, Women Looking Ahead, and one of the  
15 100 Most Influential Hispanics in the United States by *Hispanic Business Magazine*; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Lopez-Williams has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable  
17 hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as  
18 evidenced dramatically by her service as President and Founder of the Board of Directors of  
19 the Atlanta Chapter of the National Society of Hispanic MBAs; and

20 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
21 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body commend Ms. Grace Lopez-Williams for her outstanding  
26 achievements and dedicated service to the State of Georgia.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ms.  
29 Grace M. Lopez Williams.