

House Resolution 1097

By: Representative Jones of the 62nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and honoring Judge Leslie Abrams; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Judge Leslie Abrams is the first African American woman on the United States
3 District Court for the Middle District of Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama described Judge Abrams as having had a
5 "distinguished legal career She will serve the American people with integrity and an
6 unwavering commitment to justice"; and
- 7 WHEREAS, President Obama was honored to nominate Judge Abrams on March 11, 2014,
8 and she was later confirmed by the United States Senate on November 18, 2014; and
- 9 WHEREAS, her pursuit of justice started at a young age when she would listen to her parents
10 talking about their involvement in the Civil Rights Movement; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Judge Abrams began her career serving as a law clerk for Judge Marvin Garbis
12 of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland and then served as an
13 associate at the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, and Flom LLP from 2003 to
14 2006 and again from 2007 to 2010; from 2006 to 2007, she worked as an associate at the law
15 firm of Kilpatrick Stockton LLP; and
- 16 WHEREAS, from 2010 to 2014, she served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the
17 Northern District of Georgia, participating in a wide variety of criminal cases that ranged
18 from sex crimes against children to bank fraud; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Judge Abrams also did community outreach for the United States Attorney's
20 office, including a partnership with the Urban League; and

21 WHEREAS, Judge Abrams earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University in
22 1997 and her Juris Doctorate from Yale University School of Law in 2002; and

23 WHEREAS, Judge Abrams is supported by her loving family, including her sister, Minority
24 Leader Stacey Abrams of the Georgia House of Representatives; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend Judge Leslie Abrams for her effective, efficient, and
29 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia.

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 Judge
32 Leslie Abrams.