

Senate Resolution 819

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys' (GABWA) 35th  
2 Anniversary and January 28, 2016, as the annual Georgia Association of Black Women  
3 Attorneys Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the GABWA was founded in 1981 by African American women who sought  
5 to form a unique voluntary bar organization that would focus on women and children's  
6 issues, increase black female representation in the judiciary and in public offices, and take  
7 a proactive stance on political issues; and

8 WHEREAS, the GABWA represents about 700 women and men across Georgia and has  
9 consistently participated in several programs to improve the lives of women and children,  
10 exemplified through their support for 2015 legislation to eradicate the sexual exploitation and  
11 trafficking of children in Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, uplifting their members to help them reach their potential, they created the  
13 Judicial and Public Office Academy to fully prepare members to run for office and serve at  
14 all levels of the judiciary and public office; and

15 WHEREAS, the GABWA values community education and continues to produce the  
16 television show "Legally Speaking," which provides general information and education on  
17 a broad range of legal topics and has won many awards, including the 2014 AIB Programmer  
18 of the Year Award and the National Conference of Women's Bar Association's 2010  
19 Community Service Award; and

20 WHEREAS, committed to service and philanthropy, the organization holds a variety of  
21 service projects, including the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast for women and  
22 children in Georgia shelters and drives to donate gently worn business attire to law student  
23 members; and

24 WHEREAS, committed to improving the community and galvanizing change, it is  
25 abundantly fitting for this fine organization to be recognized by the state of Georgia.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 join in recognizing the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys' 35th Anniversary  
28 and January 28, 2016, as the annual Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys Day  
29 at the capitol.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia  
32 Association of Black Women Attorneys.