

House Resolution 1271

By: Representative Jones of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Judge Shondeana Crews Morris; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Judge Shondeana Crews Morris, a native of DeKalb County, Georgia,
3 graduated from Lakeside High School in 1988 before continuing her education to receive her
4 Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Georgia, her Master of Science in
5 Criminal Justice from Albany State University, and her law degree from the Walter F.
6 George School of Law at Mercer University; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1999, she joined the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, gaining
8 recognition as a prosecutorial "powerhouse" in the Trial Division, and was later transferred
9 to the Major Felony Division, where she tried a number of capital cases; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2008, she was promoted to Deputy District Attorney, admirably heading
11 several units, including the Crimes Against Women and Children Unit, the Public Integrity
12 Unit, and the Community Prosecution Unit; and

13 WHEREAS, admired for her accomplishments, she was voted the 2008 Attorney of the Year,
14 received the Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation's 2009 Trial Award
15 for Outstanding Advocacy in Capital Cases, was recognized as one of the *Daily Report's*
16 2009 Dozen Rising Stars, was named one of Georgia's Most Powerful and Influential
17 Attorneys by *Women Looking Ahead*, and received the 2014 South Fulton Outstanding
18 Citizenship Award; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2015, she was appointed Judge of the newly created State Court of DeKalb
20 County-Traffic Division by Governor Nathan Deal; and

21 WHEREAS, also involved in her community, she is a passionate volunteer and proud
22 member of the Atlanta Bar Association, Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys,
23 Lawyers Club of Atlanta, Gate City Bar Association, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and
24 the Junior League of DeKalb; is a board member of the International House of Women; and

25 is an advisory board member for the Criminal Justice Program at Atlanta Technical College;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage to Joe Morris III and blessed with two
28 remarkable children, Joe Morris IV and Harmony; and

29 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, she is an active member of Beulah Baptist
30 Missionary Church.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body recognize Judge Shondeana Crews Morris for her tireless
33 contributions to the State of Georgia and wish her continued future success.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Judge
36 Shondeana Crews Morris.