

## House Resolution 1293

By: Representatives Howard of the 124<sup>th</sup>, Bentley of the 139<sup>th</sup>, Prince of the 127<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 128<sup>th</sup>, Frazier of the 126<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Renata Charmaine Williams Boston, Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners  
2 Association's Mortician of the Year for the 8th District; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Renata Charmaine Williams Boston was born in Atlanta, Georgia, to the late  
4 Benjamin A. and Mildred Dawkins Williams; and

5 WHEREAS, after graduating as class valedictorian from Lucy C. Laney High School, she  
6 was awarded a full scholarship to Mercer University where, in 1970, she received a  
7 bachelor's degree in psychology; and

8 WHEREAS, upon the completion of a master's degree in social work, she worked as a  
9 licensed social worker and supervisor at Hahnemann Community Mental Health Center and  
10 Rebound Community Mental Health Group; and

11 WHEREAS, Renata graduated with honors from Gupton Jones College of Funeral Service  
12 in 1985, and moved to Augusta to join the family business, Williams Funeral Home, Inc.,  
13 which her father established in 1975; as co-owner, she serves as president of the business and  
14 helps to manage the daily operations at the Augusta and Hephzibah locations; and

15 WHEREAS, she served in the United States Army Reserve for 12 years, initially as an  
16 enlisted officer and later as a commissioned officer in social work, attaining the rank of  
17 captain; and

18 WHEREAS, she is dedicated to the betterment of her community, speaking at preneed  
19 workshops for area churches and career days at local middle and high schools and  
20 volunteering at the Golden Harvest Food Bank; and she has received awards for her  
21 involvement, including the 100 Black Women in Funeral Service and the Harvey L. Johnson  
22 Small Business of the Year Awards; and

23 WHEREAS, Renata serves in numerous professional organizations, including the National  
24 Funeral Directors and Morticians Association and the Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners  
25 Association, is a member and former chairperson of the 8th District Georgia Funeral Service  
26 Practitioners Association, and is a board member of the C.S.R.A. Business League; and

27 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage to her husband of 39 years, Allen, and is  
28 blessed with a remarkable son, Benjamin; and

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body recognize Renata Charmaine Williams Boston, Georgia Funeral  
33 Service Practitioners Association's Mortician of the Year for the 8th District.

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  
36 Renata Charmaine Williams Boston.