

House Resolution 1385

By: Representatives Waites of the 60th, Kaiser of the 59th, Beskin of the 54th, Jones of the 53rd, Gardner of the 57th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Commissioner Joan P. Garner of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Commissioner Joan P. Garner, a native of Washington, D.C., who made Atlanta
4 her home in 1978, earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of the District
5 of Columbia and her master's degree in organizational communication from Howard
6 University; and

7 WHEREAS, known for her work in the nonprofit sector and for her community leadership
8 and community service, Commissioner Garner has served on the boards of the Atlanta
9 Beltline Affordable Housing, Metropolitan Community Development Corporation, Council
10 of Foundations, United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, Lambda Legal Defense and
11 Educational Fund, Southerners on New Ground, Georgia Share Funding Exchange, Southern
12 Reinvestment Ventures, and Fourth Tuesday Incorporated; and

13 WHEREAS, she was appointed to the transition team of Mayor-Elect Maynard Jackson and
14 the Atlanta Olympic Citizen's Advisory Commission and served as Senior Advisor on Gay
15 and Lesbian Issues under Mayor Jackson and as a member of the Public Works
16 Commissioner Search Committee under Mayor Kasim Reed; and

17 WHEREAS, as an entrepreneur, Commissioner Garner founded Garner Results, Inc., a
18 consultancy that develops giving strategies and provides management support to the
19 nonprofit and philanthropic communities, and she was previously President and CEO of the
20 Historic District Development Corporation, a community-based, nonprofit organization that
21 facilitates the preservation and revitalization of the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic
22 District and other historic/preservation communities; has served as Executive Director of the
23 Southern Partners Fund, a community-based public foundation committed to equal rights;
24 has held the position of Co-Director of the National Network of Grant Makers, which
25 supports social justice work, and Executive Director of the Fund for Southern Communities,

26 which fosters social change in Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina; and served as
27 Chair of Neighborhood Planning Unit-M; and

28 WHEREAS, Commissioner Garner currently resides in the Historic Old Fourth Ward
29 neighborhood with her partner, Judge Jane Morrison; and

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend Commissioner Joan P. Garner for her dedicated service
34 to her community and state.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
37 Commissioner Joan P. Garner.