

## House Resolution 1535

By: Representatives Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Waites of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Jordan of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Glanton of the 75<sup>th</sup>, Douglas of the 78<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Yulonda Darden Beauford; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Yulonda Darden Beauford has worked for the Clayton County Chamber of  
3 Commerce since 2005 and has served as President and CEO since August 2008, and she  
4 works closely with the business community and local officials on issues affecting Clayton  
5 County and the Metro Atlanta region; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Beauford received her Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism at Florida  
7 A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Beauford has over 18 years of Chamber experience, and prior to joining  
9 the Clayton County Chamber, she was Director of Membership with the Hampton Roads  
10 Chamber of Commerce in Norfolk, Virginia, and Executive Director with the Greater Miami  
11 Chamber of Commerce in Miami, Florida; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Beauford currently serves as Chair of the Board for the Georgia  
13 Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives and is on the Board of Directors for the  
14 Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Economic Developers Association, Regional  
15 Business Coalition of Metropolitan Atlanta, and the United Way of Clayton County; and

16 WHEREAS, she is deeply involved in the community as evidenced by her involvement with  
17 her membership in the Atlanta Aerotropolis Alliance and the Rotary Club of Clayton County;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, in July 2015, she received the Georgia Certified Chamber Executive (GCCE)  
20 designation from the Georgia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, which  
21 exemplifies excellence and professionalism of Georgia's Chamber Executives; and

22 WHEREAS, she is a 2014 graduate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for  
23 Organization Management, served as a Class Advisor for the 2015 Southeast Institute  
24 program, and was recently appointed to the Institute for Organization Management Southeast  
25 Board of Regents, the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
26 Foundation; and

27 WHEREAS, Ms. Beauford served on the Executive Committee of the University of  
28 Georgia/Clayton County Archway Partnership and as co-chair of the 2013 Clayton County  
29 Economic Development Strategic Plan initiative; and

30 WHEREAS, she is a graduate of the Atlanta Regional Commission's Regional Leadership  
31 Institute, Leadership Hampton Roads, and Leadership Miami programs, and she serves on  
32 the Advisory Board of Leadership Clayton and oversees the program.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body recognize and commend Yulonda Darden Beauford and extend to  
35 her best wishes for continued health and happiness.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
38 Yulonda Darden Beauford.