

House Resolution 1656

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Thomas of the 56th, Jones of the 53rd, and Scott of the 76th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Myrna Taylor Ransom; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, often called the "news magnet" by her peers because stories seemed to be
3 attracted to her, Myrna Taylor Ransom enjoyed 17 years in broadcasting; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she received her professional training at Clark College, now Clark Atlanta
5 University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Broadcasting and Cinematography
6 in 1978; and
- 7 WHEREAS, after acquiring her FCC Third Class license, she worked as an announcer on the
8 college's radio station, WCLK FM, and after her graduation, she worked as a news trainee
9 at WXIA-TV in Atlanta; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 1980, she joined WPLO and WVEE (V-103) radio stations, beginning a
11 highly acclaimed broadcasting career, and after two years covering the state capitol, Atlanta
12 City Hall, and the missing and murdered children's cases, she was promoted to morning news
13 anchor, then to News and Public Affairs Director in 1985 at V-103; and
- 14 WHEREAS, she received many awards and honors from professional media and broadcast
15 organizations for her news reporting skills, including the 1986 Media Woman of the Year
16 by the National Association of Media Women, all the radio categories in 1987 at the Pioneer
17 Awards of the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists, and the 1988 Spot News award from
18 the Associated Press; and
- 19 WHEREAS, while working as a Media Director at the Centers for Disease Control and
20 Prevention, she took a leave of absence to work as a news writer for ABC Radio News
21 during the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, fulfilling a popular dream for broadcasters--
22 to work for a network; and

23 WHEREAS, in 2000, Ms. Ransom returned to her roots at WCLK as a talk show host for the
24 monthly program, "Prescriptions for Health," which as the station's number one talk show
25 quickly switched to a weekly broadcast; and

26 WHEREAS, even in retirement, she is still utilizing her voice and broadcasting skills as a
27 commentator at events and programs for churches and community organizations.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Myrna Taylor Ransom for her outstanding
30 accomplishments and extend best wishes for continued success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
33 Myrna Taylor Ransom.