

House Resolution 1726

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Bruce of the 61st, Jones of the 53rd, Metze of the 55th, and Beasley-Teague of the 65th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Commissioner Emma I. Darnell; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Commissioner Emma I. Darnell represents District Six which consists of
3 portions of unincorporated South Fulton County and incorporated southwest Atlanta, and her
4 major areas of interest include human health and the environment, senior adult services, and
5 transportation; and

6 WHEREAS, born in Atlanta and a graduate of the public schools of Tyler, Texas,
7 Commissioner Darnell was elected to the Board of Commissioners in a special election in
8 May 1992; and

9 WHEREAS, Commissioner Darnell has served in the Atlanta Regional Office of the U.S.
10 Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Investigations and Conciliations Division, and
11 she has also served in the government of the City of Atlanta as Special Assistant to the
12 Mayor for Intergovernmental Affairs and Chair of the Grant Review Board; and

13 WHEREAS, she was an architect of Atlanta's "Minority Participation Plan for the Expansion
14 of Hartsfield International Airport" featured in Henry Hampton's documentary, "Eyes on the
15 Prize"; and

16 WHEREAS, a former college professor, Commissioner Darnell graduated from Fisk
17 University where she was a member of Alpha Beta Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
18 Inc.; and

19 WHEREAS, she earned a Master's degree from Columbia University, Teachers College
20 where she was a member of Pi Lambda Theta Honor Society, and she also holds a Juris
21 Doctorate degree from the Howard University School of Law; and

22 WHEREAS, citing her work in government as a "public moralist," in June 2000, she was
23 awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree, honoris causa by the Board of Trustees of the
24 Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) in Atlanta; and

25 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Commissioner Darnell is a member of the
26 West Mitchell Street Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church in Atlanta, Leadership
27 Atlanta Alumni, and Church Women United; and

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize and commend Commissioner Emma I. Darnell and
32 extend sincere best wishes for continued success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
35 Commissioner Emma I. Darnell.