

## House Resolution 1728

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Bruce of the 61<sup>st</sup>, Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Rita Jackson Samuels; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Rita Jackson Samuels has been an advocate for civil and women's rights since  
3 her youth when she worked for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Operation  
4 Breadbasket under the administration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

5 WHEREAS, she was inspired by the Civil Rights Movement and founded the Georgia  
6 Coalition of Black Women, Inc., a women's advocacy training and development  
7 organization, and in 1999, she founded the Women in Government Internship Project to  
8 assist young women interested in government careers; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Samuels established Women Flying High, LLC, a highly successful,  
10 female-owned consulting and public engagement enterprise in Atlanta, and the firm is  
11 instrumental in forming strategic alliances and joint venture opportunities that increase  
12 women's share of government and corporate sector contracts; and

13 WHEREAS, she was selected by the Georgia Informer as one of the 50 Most Influential  
14 Women in Georgia; she was selected by the Atlanta Business League as one of the 100 Most  
15 Influential Black Women in Atlanta; and she was named Business Woman of the Year by  
16 the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1971, Governor Jimmy Carter named her coordinator of the Governor's  
18 Council on Human Relations, and she became the first black female in Georgia's history to  
19 serve on the executive staff of the Governor; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Samuels is a former White House consultant and special assistant to the  
21 Deputy Director of Community Service Administration, and she currently serves on several  
22 boards and commissions, including the recent appointment by the Governor to serve on the  
23 State Martin Luther King, Jr., Advisory Council; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Rita Jackson Samuels for her  
28 contributions to the State of Georgia and extend best wishes for continued success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Rita  
31 Jackson Samuels.