

House Resolution 1732

By: Representative Thomas of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Greg Fann; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Greg Fann grew up in Atlanta and was strongly influenced by civil rights icon
3 Ralph Abernathy, Sr.; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Fann became a preacher at age 21, was formally ordained in 1978, and is
5 currently the pastor of Liberty International Door of Hope Ministries, where he has served
6 for 35 years; and

7 WHEREAS, he began his radio career in the 1980s at WYZE-Radio, where he was known
8 as "Greg Fann the Preacher Man," and later worked as a trash truck driver in Fulton County
9 and signed his first union card as a member of American Federation of State County and
10 Municipal Employees (AFSCME); and

11 WHEREAS, in 1995, Mr. Fann was elected president of AFSCME Local 3, and with only
12 75 members initially, this was a union divided by blue collar/white collar workers which
13 grew from a small and divided local union into an organization of Fulton County employees;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, during this time as president, Local 3 has protected the employee merit system,
16 maintained the percentage employees pay on their health insurance, and protected the Fulton
17 County employees from furloughs, and it was able to pass a county ordinance that would
18 give employees the right to join and represent establishing a Labor Relations Department for
19 Fulton County, for the first time ever, giving employees the opportunity to meet and confer
20 over wages, benefits, working conditions, policies, and procedures; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2000, he became a member of the Atlanta Labor Council Executive Board;
22 in 2001, he was elected as Mayor Pro-Tem, creating bargaining rights for "dues check off"
23 for East Point employees; in 2010, he became president of the Coalition of Black Trade
24 Unionists Metro Atlanta Chapter and was elected executive director of AFSCME Local 3,

25 where he worked on a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fulton County government;
26 and he currently serves on the Georgia AFL-CIO Executive Board; and

27 WHEREAS, through his work, he has secured raises for employees with an annual salary of
28 \$40,000 or less, and he continues to negotiate with state and county officials to make Fulton
29 County employees' voices heard.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize Greg Fann for his outstanding accomplishments and
32 service to the State of Georgia.

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 Greg
35 Fann.