

House Resolution 1736

By: Representative Thomas of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Councilman Andre D. Dickens; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, a fifth generation Atlantan, Councilman Andre D. Dickens was raised in the
3 Adamsville community by his mother Sylvia and attended Miles Elementary, Southwest
4 Middle School, and Benjamin E. Mays High School where he graduated in the top 2 percent
5 of his class; and

6 WHEREAS, while at Georgia Tech, he earned a degree in Chemical Engineering and held
7 various leadership roles, including President of the African American Student Union,
8 President of the Diversity Forum, and President of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and as
9 a result of his outstanding contributions to the University, Andre was inducted into the
10 ANAK Society — Georgia Tech's highest honor; and

11 WHEREAS, he also holds a Master's of Public Administration with a concentration in
12 Economic Development at Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy
13 Studies; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1994, he began his professional career as a Chemical Engineer for
15 BP-Amoco, and in 1999, began work as a Sales Engineer for DSM Engineering Plastics,
16 where he became the youngest person and first African-American to win DSM's prestigious
17 salesperson of the year award in 2002; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2002, he co-founded City Living Home Furnishings in Atlanta, a family-run
19 operation that grew into a multi-million dollar business, which won numerous awards,
20 including Atlanta's Best Contemporary Furniture store in 2005 and one of the top 50 furniture
21 retailers in the nation by *Home Accents* magazine; and

22 WHEREAS, he serves as the assistant director of Outreach Initiatives for Georgia Tech's
23 OMED: Educational Services, managing the graduate recruitment program and helping

24 hundreds of undergraduate students and their parents successfully transition into college life;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, he resides in the Underwood Hills neighborhood where he was elected president
27 and serves as the Neighborhood Planning Unit rep; and

28 WHEREAS, he is an alumnus of the United Way VIP Program and the Diversity Leadership
29 Academy of Atlanta and currently sits on the boards of the Jeremy Feaster Foundation while
30 also serving as a mentor in the Mentorship Program and Southwest Atlanta Youth Business
31 Organization; and

32 WHEREAS, he was ordained a deacon at Antioch Baptist Church North in 2007 and oversaw
33 the construction of the church sanctuary and all financial elements of the newly established
34 New Horizon Baptist Church where he currently serves as Deacon, Sunday school teacher,
35 and finance chairperson; and

36 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his beautiful wife, Kimberly, and is blessed
37 with a remarkable daughter, Bailey; and

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

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
41 the members of this body recognize and commend Councilman Andre D. Dickens and extend
42 sincere best wishes for continued success.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
45 Councilman Andre D. Dickens.