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 Adamsville community by his mother Sylvia and attended Miles Elementary, Southwest Middle School, and Benjamin E. Mays High School where he graduated in the top 2 percent of his class; and

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

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

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

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

7 WHEREAS, he serves as the assistant director of Outreach Initiatives for Georgia Tech's OMED: Educational Services, managing the graduate recruitment program and helping
hundreds of undergraduate students and their parents successfully transition into college life; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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