

House Resolution 1737

By: Representative Thomas of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Lillie P. Allen; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Lillie P. Allen is a nationally recognized trainer, founder of Be Present, Inc.,
3 and developer of the Be Present Empowerment Model to support the development of a
4 diverse national network of people committed to changing their lives and leading social
5 change efforts within their families, organizations, and communities; and
- 6 WHEREAS, her groundbreaking workshop, *Black & Female, What is the Reality?*, was
7 presented at the First National Conference on Black Women's Health Issues at Spelman
8 College in 1983; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the workshop served as a primary organizing tool of the National Black
10 Women's Health Project and was the catalyst for black women to unite and develop actions
11 to improve their own lives as well as those of their families and communities; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Be Present, Inc. was founded in 1988, when a group of African-American
13 women trained as support group facilitators invited 22 white and women of color to
14 participate in a Sisters & Allies Leadership Project, an 18 month training project that
15 supported the development of a network of women and girls of all ages, classes, and races
16 willing to work constructively and positively on the issues of diversity; and
- 17 WHEREAS, soon after the successful training, Be Present, Inc. was incorporated and
18 received its tax-exempt status in 1992, and men and boys began participating in trainings in
19 1996; and
- 20 WHEREAS, currently, Ms. Allen serves as the Creatrix of Play of Be Present, Inc., and
21 consultant to the Pettus-Crowe Foundation and many other social justice organizations and
22 coalitions; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1989, she established the Lillie Allen Institute, expanding her work to include
24 training and development consultations for corporations, education and medical institutions,
25 and government agencies; and

26 WHEREAS, she received her Master of Public Health from the University of North Carolina
27 at Chapel Hill, School of Public Health, with a concentration in community organizations
28 and school and community education; has a broad background in human development,
29 interpersonal relations, group dynamics, and the interconnections and conflicts between
30 work, home, and personal goals; and has been involved in public health education for more
31 than 20 years.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body recognize Lillie P. Allen for her outstanding accomplishments and
34 contributions to the State of Georgia.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Lillie
37 P. Allen.