

House Resolution 1743

By: Representative Thomas of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Drennell Thomas; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Drennell Thomas received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Valdosta State
3 College in 1967, and a Master of Social Work in Policy Planning and Administration from
4 Atlanta University School of Social Work in 1977; and

5 WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished career, she has served as the president of the
6 Atlanta Chapter of the NABSW, the Mental Health Association of Metro Atlanta, the Atlanta
7 Planning Advisory Board, and the Historic Westin Heights/Bankhead Neighborhood
8 Association, which she founded; she served on the board of the National Political Congress
9 of Black Women, the City of Atlanta License Review Board, and the Atlanta Fulton League
10 of Women Voters, where she was also a unit chair of the South Metro Unit; and she was a
11 congressional intern for Congressman Andrew Young; and

12 WHEREAS, she served on the Georgia Mental Health Planning Council, the Neighborhood
13 Planning Unit, and Atlanta's 2010 United States Census Complete Count Committee and
14 serves on the City of Atlanta Council of Aging and the Senior Transportation Options Study
15 Committee; and

16 WHEREAS, she was endorsed by the *Atlanta Journal* and *Atlanta Constitution* newspapers
17 as a candidate for Georgia State Senator, 39th district, in 1988, 1990, and 1992; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas has been honored with the Valdosta State University's 2014
19 Thomas/Pierce Alumni Scholarship, 2003 Black History Honor Valdosta's Firsts, and 1989
20 Black History Appreciation Award for Courage; the Eta Phi Beta Sorority's 2012 Golden
21 Hall of Fame Award of Excellence; the Atlanta Planning Advisory Board's 2008 and 2009
22 Outstanding Neighborhood Leadership and Dedicated Service Awards; the Women's History
23 Month's 2008 Women of Multi-ethnicity and Nationality Honoree; the Mental Health
24 Association of Metro Atlanta's 1987 Abe Silverman Volunteer of the Year Award; the Martin

25 Luther King, Jr., Center for Nonviolent Social Change's 1989 Certificate of Appreciation;
26 and Grady Hospital's 1989 Susie Labord Distinguished Service Award; and

27 WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas was inducted as an honorary member of the Sigma Gamma Rho
28 International Sorority, Inc.; and

29 WHEREAS, she is blessed with two remarkable sons, one wonderful grandson, and four
30 incredible step-grandchildren.

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

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
36 Drownell Thomas.