

House Resolution 1744

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Stovall of the 74th, Jones of the 53rd, Metze of the 55th, and Beasley-Teague of the 65th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Kwanza Hall; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the honorable Kwanza Hall is beginning his third term on the Atlanta City
3 Council representing District 2, the heart of Atlanta and the city's most diverse council
4 district; and

5 WHEREAS, an Atlanta native and alumnus of Benjamin E. Mays High School, he attended
6 the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and he currently resides in the Martin Luther
7 King, Jr., Historic District; and

8 WHEREAS, prior to his election to the Atlanta City Council, Mr. Hall served on the Atlanta
9 Board of Education, and he currently serves on the boards of Leadership Atlanta, the Metro
10 Atlanta Arts Fund, the Atlanta Medical Center, the True Colors Theater Company, and the
11 Downtown and Midtown Improvement Districts; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2008, he was named one of *Georgia Trend Magazine's* "40 Under 40," and
13 in 2009, *Creative Loafing* named him Atlanta's "Best Local Political Figure"; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2011, Atlanta's Park Pride honored Mr. Hall for governmental leadership in
15 parks and greenspace advocacy, he was voted by an independent media panel as one of the
16 100 Most Influential Atlantans, and Atlanta's American Institute of Architects chapter created
17 the Kwanza Hall Award for civic leadership in architectural design; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2012, Georgia State University honored him with the Pioneer Award, its
19 highest recognition for leadership promoting arts and culture in downtown Atlanta, and in
20 2013, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation recognized his "Year of Boulevard" initiative to improve
21 public safety and expand opportunities for families along District 2's Boulevard corridor; and

22 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his wife, Natalie, and is blessed with two
23 remarkable sons; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Kwanza Hall and extend best wishes for
28 continued success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
31 Kwanza Hall.