

House Resolution 1747

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

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Commissioner Joan Garner; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Commissioner Joan Garner is a native of Washington, D.C., but has lived in
3 Atlanta since 1978 and currently resides in the historic Old Fourth Ward with her partner of
4 11 years, attorney Jane Morrison; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Commissioner Garner received a bachelor's degree in English from the
6 University of District Columbia and a master's degree in organizational communication from
7 Howard University; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she founded Garner Results, Inc., a consultancy that develops giving and
9 funding strategies and management support to nonprofit and philanthropic communities; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she also served as president and CEO of the Historic District Development
11 Corporation, which facilitates the preservation and revitalization of the Martin Luther King,
12 Jr., National Historic District; executive director of the Southern Partners Fund, which is
13 committed to equal rights; co-director of the National Network of Grantmakers, which
14 supports social justice work; and executive director of the Fund for Southern Communities,
15 which fosters social change in Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina; and
- 16 WHEREAS, while running for Fulton County Commission District 6, Commissioner Garner
17 received endorsements from the Atlanta Stonewall Democrats, the Atlanta-North Georgia
18 Labor Action Committee, and former opponent Sally Smith, a community leader and retired,
19 long-time Fulton County employee, and she received a "Well Qualified" rating from the
20 Committee for a Better Atlanta, the highest in the field of competitors for the race; and
- 21 WHEREAS, her service in District 6 is a mechanism to provide enhanced support to the
22 communities in which she believes.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize Commissioner Joan Garner for her outstanding
25 accomplishments and contributions to the State of Georgia.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
28 Commissioner Joan Garner.