

## House Resolution 1812

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Metze of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Dukes of the 154<sup>th</sup>, Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>, and Bruce of the 61<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Zelda Kennedy; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Zelda Kennedy, a native of Georgia, is an extremely talented and  
3 world-renowned soprano who has performed across the United States and abroad, and whose  
4 mesmerizing voice has been featured live on numerous radio and television events, including  
5 the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Ecumencial Services; and

6 WHEREAS, she has traveled to such diverse places as Europe, Brazil, Israel, Bermuda,  
7 Mexico, and the Caribbean, and performed as a soloist and concert artist in small intimate  
8 venues and churches and large concert halls, cathedrals, and arenas; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Kennedy has been a featured soloist with orchestras and string quartets and  
10 was extremely honored when the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra commissioned her to sing a  
11 tribute to the late pioneer concert artist and opera singer, Marian Anderson, on the weekend  
12 of her death; and

13 WHEREAS, she has received many accolades, including being named Goodwill Ambassador  
14 of the United States' National Friendship Force under President Jimmy Carter, singing for  
15 events at the Carter Presidential Library, and being presented with the Key to the City of  
16 Montego Bay, Jamaica, for performances and outreach as a music workshop leader; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to being chosen by former Governor Zell Miller as his official  
18 soloist, Ms. Kennedy was also a featured soloist for the inauguration of Atlanta's former  
19 Mayor Maynard Jackson's second term; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Kennedy has performed for President William Jefferson Clinton,  
21 Ambassador Andrew Young, media mogul Robert Edward "Ted" Turner III, and former  
22 United States Surgeon General, Dr. Lewis Sullivan; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Kennedy has been honored to perform at birthday celebrations for  
24 dignitaries such as United States Congressman John Lewis, Civil Rights Activist Reverend  
25 Jesse Jackson, Sr., Civil Rights Leader Coretta Scott King, Broadcasting Executive Xerona  
26 Clayton, and multimillionaire Norris Herndon; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body recognize and commend Ms. Zelda Kennedy for her numerous  
31 achievements as a successful vocal artist.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ms.  
34 Zelda Kennedy.