

House Resolution 1825

By: Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Abrams of the 89th, Fludd of the 64th, Mitchell of the 88th, Gardner of the 57th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Representative LaDawn "LBJ" Blackett Jones; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Representative LaDawn "LBJ" Blackett Jones was born in Houston, Texas, the
4 beloved daughter of Wayne and Bonnie Blackett, and her entrepreneurial parents instilled
5 the traits of hard work and hustle into the future lawyer; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Jones enrolled in Tennessee State University and graduated *cum*
7 *laude*, with a Bachelor of Arts in English after which, she began law school at Tulane
8 University in New Orleans. It was there that she created Diversity Month, a program which
9 was nominated for the American Bar Association's Community Service award; and

10 WHEREAS, in law school, she worked with the Nashville Public Defender's office, the
11 Fulton County Attorney's office, and the U.S. District Court for Judge Vanessa Gilmore, and
12 as a third year law student, she interned for Spears and Spears and worked on the City
13 Council campaign for current Louisiana Congressman Cedric Richmond; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Jones passed the bar and began working in the Fulton County
15 District Attorney's office, and as an assistant district attorney, she took her work very
16 seriously and was promoted to a Chief Senior Assistant District Attorney; and

17 WHEREAS, after only 18 months as the community prosecutor for Zone 4 in southwest
18 Atlanta, she was asked to be the unit's first director, and under her direction, the unit which
19 placed prosecutors in the communities they served, opened four new offices allowing the
20 program to expand to throughout Fulton County; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2005, Representative Jones began her second family, the Women of
22 Westlake, a community service organization that incorporates community service and

23 teaches life skills and has graduated more than 150 teen girls from the south Atlanta
24 community; and

25 WHEREAS, in 2006, LaDawn married U.S. Army Sergeant Nathaniel Jones, Jr., whom she
26 met on a blind date while in law school, and the couple is blessed with two remarkable
27 children, Lyndon and Brendon; and

28 WHEREAS, in 2009, she began her first novel, *Manipulation*, based on a few of her own
29 experiences as a prosecutor and a lot of imagination, the fast-moving thriller is set in Atlanta;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, after working as an assistant district attorney for six years, Representative Jones
32 set out to open her own boutique law firm that would be rooted in principles of service to the
33 community and excellent legal representation, and she currently operates Atlanta's only
34 holistic counseling firm, the LBJ Group, LLC, on Auburn Avenue, serving clients in the
35 areas of criminal, family, and small business law; and

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

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body recognize and commend Representative LaDawn "LBJ" Blackett
40 Jones, and thank her for her years of dedicated public service to the State of Georgia, and
41 extend our most sincere best wishes for continued success.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
44 Representative LaDawn "LBJ" Blackett Jones.