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House Resolution 1809

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, Jones of the 62<sup>nd</sup>, McClain of the 100<sup>th</sup>, and Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Judge Patsy Y. Porter; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Honorable Patsy Y. Porter, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, and a Fulton
- 3 County State Court Judge, received her law degree from Woodrow Wilson College of Law
- 4 and her undergraduate degree from Georgia State University; and
- 5 WHEREAS, she presides over civil cases that involve medical malpractice, wrongful death,
- 6 products liability, and automobile accidents and criminal cases that involve driving under the
- 7 influence, simple battery, domestic violence, theft, and possession of marijuana offenses; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in keeping with her commitment to the Atlanta community, Judge Porter is
- 9 actively involved in numerous professional and civic associations, including the Judicial
- 10 Qualifications Commission, the chairperson of the Board of Community Concerns Inc.,
- member of the Advisory Board of Atlanta Legal Aid Society, past president and member of
- 12 the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, member of the Gate City Bar
- 13 Association, member of the Board of Directors of the Andrew and Walter Young YMCA,
- 14 past chairperson of the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants, past chairperson of the
- 15 Board of Trustees of the Georgia Bar Foundation, and a Leadership Atlanta Alumnus; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Judge Porter has received numerous awards and accolades for her work in the
- 17 community, including the Pinnacle Leadership Award from The Fortitude Educational and
- 18 Cultural Developmental Center, Inc., Young Family YMCA Volunteer of the Year Award,
- 19 the Leah Ward Sears Award for Distinction in the Profession, Jurist of the Year Award from
- 20 Mount Moriah Grand Masonic Lodge, Judge With A Heart Award from the Minority Judges
- 21 of Georgia, Leadership Award from the Atlanta Job Corps Center, the Spirit of GABWA
- 22 Award presented by the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, and the
- 23 Millennium Award of Excellence In Law from the Women For Morris Brown College; and

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24 WHEREAS, Judge Porter is united in love and marriage and is blessed with two

- 25 grandchildren; and
- 26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the exemplary accomplishments of this
- 27 Georgian be appropriately recognized.
- 28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 29 the members of this body recognize and commend Judge Patsy Y. Porter for her dedicated
- 30 and lawful service to the State of Georgia.
- 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Judge
- 33 Patsy Y. Porter.