

House Resolution 1869

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56th and Beasley-Teague of the 65th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Erika Barnes Ford; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, a native of Port Arthur, Texas, Erika Barnes Ford has resided in Atlanta for
3 nearly 20 years, and has engaged in a wide variety of community and political endeavors,
4 placing emphasis on quality of life issues in the City of Atlanta and its surrounding areas; and

5 WHEREAS, an active member of multiple civic, social, and community organizations, she
6 serves on more than a dozen boards in varying capacities, and is the recipient of several
7 awards and honors; and

8 WHEREAS, as an entrepreneur, Ms. Ford has successfully operated several businesses,
9 including Southern Masonry & Construction Services, Inc., a commercial masonry
10 installation business; Atlanta Masonry Works, LLC; and Southern Marketing & Business
11 Consultants d/b/a Southern Solutions, a consultancy firm that focuses on business
12 development and political consultancy services; and

13 WHEREAS, a Woodruff Scholar Graduate of Agnes Scott College of Decatur, Georgia, Ms.
14 Ford continues her formal education, presently enrolled at Troy State University in its master
15 of public administration program with a nonprofit management concentration; and

16 WHEREAS, presently serving as the Chief of Staff and Community Relations Director for
17 Atlanta City Council Member Mary Norwood-Post 2 at Large, City-wide, she is also
18 presently working on the American Librarian Association Black Caucus 2017 Convention
19 Planning Committee, which is estimated to host 1,000 guests; on the Historic English
20 Avenue Campus School \$1 million fund-raising drive; and the "May with Mary" Atlanta
21 Park Tour Series, a 12-park city-wide community outreach event; and

22 WHEREAS, a noteworthy public speaker and guest performer, Erika has co-authored
23 *Because of Love, Inc. Instructional Handbook* (2nd Edition), outlining a juvenile

24 rehabilitation and curriculum program in Atlanta, Georgia, was a contributing writer for
25 WELCOME Magazine, and has written for several small publications; and

26 WHEREAS, a mother of two, Logan and Cameron, she has devoted her life to family and
27 community; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the exemplary accomplishments of this
29 distinguished and remarkable individual be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize and commend Erika Barnes Ford for her dedicated
32 service to this community and state.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Erika
35 Barnes Ford.