

House Resolution 313

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Frazier of the 126th, Jones of the 53rd, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, and Gilligan of the 24th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending BriGette McCoy and recognizing February 21, 2017, as Female Veteran's Day
2 at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, BriGette McCoy, founder and CEO of the Women Veteran Social Justice
4 Network, WNBA Atlanta Dream 2014 Inspirational Woman Award winner, and the DeKalb
5 County Veteran's Affairs Commission's 2014 Veterans Hero award winner, served in the
6 United States Army as a top secret data telecommunications specialist during the first Gulf
7 War; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2014 and 2015, her organization, Women Veteran Social Justice, Inc., hosted
9 and live-streamed their Women's Veterans Conference at Georgia Tech Research Institute
10 in Atlanta, Georgia, and Kennesaw State University; and

11 WHEREAS, BriGette currently serves as the Vice Chair for the City of Atlanta's Veteran's
12 Affairs Commission and Protect Our Defenders Advisory Board, and WVSJ Network is a
13 partner with the Federally Employed Women's Southeast region for diversity and training;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, she has been involved with numerous nonprofits and Department of Veteran
16 Affairs' and veteran service organizations' media outreach programs and served on veteran
17 advisory boards; and

18 WHEREAS, BriGette's innovative social entrepreneurial work using technology for civic
19 engagement earned her the opportunity to become a veteran adviser and consultant to the
20 Emmy Award winning producers of "Service: When Women Come Marching Home"; and

21 WHEREAS, she has been interviewed extensively by CNN, HLN, Good Morning America,
22 Al Jezeera America, NPR News, Huffpost, and many other print and online media, radio, and
23 television; and

24 WHEREAS, BriGette is a proud Gulf War-era service connected disabled veteran who
25 personally understands the challenges military injury and separation can bring into the
26 transitioning military family's life and this experiential knowledge motivates her to work
27 tirelessly to help remove the stigma associated with disabilities and their associated
28 challenges for other veterans.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend BriGette McCoy for her outstanding accomplishments
31 and contributions and recognize February 21, 2017, as Female Veteran's Day at the state
32 capitol.

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
35 BriGette McCoy.