

House Resolution 449

By: Representative Jones of the 53<sup>rd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Josephine Boykin as a Distinguished Servant Leader of the  
2 community; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Josephine Boykin has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
4 vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare  
5 of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,  
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced  
8 dramatically by her superlative public service; and

9 WHEREAS, after graduating from Hope Smith Technical College, where she received a  
10 certification in computer programming, and after receiving certifications in dress tailoring  
11 and catering, Josephine chose a career as an administrative assistant for the Department of  
12 Revenue, and in 2006, she became the first African American woman to retire from the  
13 department after 39 years and one month of dedicated service; and

14 WHEREAS, Josephine has a well-deserved reputation as an incredibly selfless person who  
15 is genuinely concerned about the welfare of her neighbors and community, serving as a  
16 member of the NAACP, American Red Cross, American Diabetes Association, and the  
17 Susan G. Koman for the Cure Foundation; and

18 WHEREAS, she gives generously of her time as a volunteer at the Adamsville Recreation  
19 Center, Collier Heights Recreation Center, and the Harriett G. Darnell Senior Facility, where  
20 she works with the Mother's Purpose Program and Adult Daycare Program; and

21 WHEREAS, Josephine is a devoted member of Greater Macedonia Baptist Church in  
22 Atlanta, Georgia, and a great supporter of the Welcome All Baptist Church Friendship  
23 Association; and

24 WHEREAS, Josephine's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable  
25 patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the  
26 citizens of this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her peers; and

27 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
28 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

29 WHEREAS, Josephine has served her community with honor and distinction and her vision  
30 and unyielding commitment have set the standard for public service; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this  
32 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body recognize and commend Josephine Boykin for her efficient,  
35 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most  
36 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
39 Josephine Boykin.