

House Resolution 657

By: Representatives Waites of the 60th, Gardner of the 57th, Oliver of the 82nd, Jones of the 53rd, and Bruce of the 61st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending April Ross; and for other purposes.

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

5 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced
7 dramatically by her superlative service as an Assistant District Attorney with the Fulton
8 County District Attorney's Office; and

9 WHEREAS, April received her law degree from Atlanta's Emory University School of Law
10 in 2011 and became an Assistant District Attorney in 2012; and

11 WHEREAS, while in law school, she served in various leadership roles, such as the
12 coordinator for the Emory Barton Juvenile Law Clinic's Know Your Rights program,
13 received notable recognition for her advocacy skills during her participation with Emory
14 Law's Mock Trial team, and she was even one of five students in her class to receive the
15 esteemed Emory Law Kessler-Eidson trial advocacy award and scholarship; and

16 WHEREAS, after assuming the role of Assistant District Attorney with the Fulton County
17 District Attorney's Office, April became the youngest attorney to serve on the Atlanta Public
18 Schools' cheating scandal trial team and made significant contributions; and

19 WHEREAS, April's leadership has been invaluable to advocating for victims of domestic
20 violence and her personal connection to such a cause has continued to fuel her fire, pushing
21 her to join the Domestic Violence Policy and Trial Unit of the Fulton County District
22 Attorney's Office and become involved with a multi-organizational task force alliance

23 working on legislation aimed at reducing the number of domestic violence fatalities
24 involving firearms; and

25 WHEREAS, despite her success as an Assistant District Attorney, she still dedicates copious
26 amounts of her time to speaking to domestic violence survivors and mentoring others with
27 spinal cord injuries resulting from gun violence; and

28 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high
29 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens, and she possesses the vast wisdom
30 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved
31 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

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

34 WHEREAS, April Ross has served with honor and distinction with the Fulton County
35 District Attorney's Office, and her vision and unyielding commitment to justice continue to
36 set the standard for public service; and

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

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
40 the members of this body recognize and commend April Ross for her efficient, effective,
41 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere
42 best wishes for continued success.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to April
45 Ross.