

## House Resolution 786

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Alexander of the 66<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, Bruce of the 61<sup>st</sup>, and Abrams of the 89<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado, the author of *Atlanta and the*  
2 *Civil Rights Movement, 1944-1968*; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, *Atlanta and the Civil Rights Movement, 1944-1968* is a pictorial history about  
4 ordinary people willing themselves to act courageously to achieve extraordinary outcomes,  
5 from seeking power through the ballot to calling for Black Power, providing evidence that  
6 Atlanta has been at the epicenter of social change; and

7 WHEREAS, since Reconstruction, African Americans have served as key protagonists in the  
8 rich and expansive narrative of American social protest and their collective efforts challenged  
9 and redefined the meaning of freedom as a social contract in America; and

10 WHEREAS, during the first half of the 20th century, a progressive group of black business,  
11 civic, and religious leaders from Atlanta, Georgia, challenged the status quo by employing  
12 a method of incremental gradualism to improve the social and political conditions existent  
13 within the city; and

14 WHEREAS, by the mid-20th century, a younger generation of activists emerged, seeking a  
15 more direct and radical approach towards exercising their rights as full citizens, a paradigm  
16 shift fostered by a culmination of the death of Emmitt Till and the *Brown v. the Board of*  
17 *Education* decision, bringing attention to the safety and educational concerns specific to  
18 African American youth; and

19 WHEREAS, deploying direct-action tactics and invoking the language of civil and human  
20 rights, the energy and zest of youth activists pushed the modern civil rights movement into  
21 a new chapter where young men and women became the voice of social unrest.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado for her  
24 unyielding dedication to the preservation and promotion of Atlanta Civil Rights history  
25 through her book, *Atlanta and the Civil Rights Movement, 1944-1968*.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.  
28 Karcheik Sims-Alvarado.