

## House Resolution 865

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup> and Jones of the 53<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Bonita Gillespie-Durrah; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Bonita Gillespie-Durrah has long been recognized by the citizens of this state  
3 for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the  
4 welfare of 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 with the United Churches of God in Christ; and
- 8 WHEREAS, as First Lady of Charity Truth Tabernacle of United Churches of God in Christ,  
9 Bonita is credited for organizing many of the ministries and auxiliaries in her church,  
10 including an adult choir, children's choir, Sunday school, and a Missionary Board; and
- 11 WHEREAS, an invaluable leader in the church, her service extends outside the reaches of  
12 Charity Truth Tabernacle and she has served on the district, jurisdiction, and international  
13 levels of the United Churches of God in Christ in various capacities; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Bonita dedicated more than 31 years to education in the Atlanta Public Schools  
15 inspiring students, and though she retired from teaching in 2011, she continues to work as  
16 a substitute teacher with the Clayton County Public School System; and
- 17 WHEREAS, this outstanding Georgian has received numerous honors for her dedicated  
18 service to the church and community, such as Teacher of the Year, the Outstanding Service  
19 Award for the Illinois Second Jurisdiction United Churches of God in Christ, and an  
20 honorary doctorate degree in the field of humanities from the Anointed Ministries; and

21 WHEREAS, Bonita's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable  
22 patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of others  
23 have earned her the respect and admiration of her peers; and

24 WHEREAS, Bonita serves as a shining example of God's righteous path and has shown the  
25 energy, devotion, and commitment truly reflective of divine guidance in her service; and

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Bonita Gillespie-Durrah for her efficient,  
30 effective, unselfish, and dedicated service and extend the most sincere best wishes for  
31 continued health and happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
34 Bonita Gillespie-Durrah.