House Resolution 1035
By: Representatives Oliver of the 82nd, Cooper of the 43rd, Frye of the 118th, Houston of the 170th, and Brockway of the 102nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Lasa Joiner on the occasion of her retirement; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Lasa Joiner has been professionally involved in Georgia legislative issues for more than 30 years and is known as one of the most effective medical specialty government affairs consultants in the state, particularly for her interest and expertise in mental health issues; and

3 WHEREAS, Lasa was the first woman to serve as chairperson on the Board of the Department of Human Resources, the largest department in state government, and she also chaired the Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Committee as well as the Rehabilitation Services Committee; and

4 WHEREAS, she first began serving as an advocate for and advisor to the Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association (GPPA) during the 1988 Session of the Georgia General Assembly and became its Executive Director in 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Lasa is so respected for her leadership that GPPA bestowed her with the 2008 Dancing Elephant Award for excellence in administrative leadership; and

6 WHEREAS, renowned for her expertise in government affairs and mental health issues, Lasa was asked in subsequent years to present before the American Psychiatric Association and the APA Governmental Relations and Public Affairs Joint Institute on the topics of association strategic planning and advocacy, respectively; and

7 WHEREAS, due to Lasa's years of outstanding advocacy for psychiatric professionals and their patients and her tireless efforts to improve access to quality mental health care in our state, Georgia is surely a better place for all of its residents, and it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the storied career of this distinguished citizen.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
the members of this body commend Lasa Joiner for her decades of devoted service to the
members of the Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association and their patients; congratulate
her on the occasion of her retirement; and extend sincere best wishes for continued health
and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Lasa
Joiner.