

House Resolution 1283

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Scott of the 76th, Jones of the 53rd, Burnough of the 77th, Kendrick of the 93rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Jacqueline Michelle Watson on Caribbean American Day; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Jacqueline (Jackie) Michelle Watson was born in Kingston, Jamaica, and lived
4 in the parishes of St. Ann and St. Catherine prior to immigrating to the United States in 1974
5 to live in the Bronx, New York; and

6 WHEREAS, Jackie graduated from Christopher Columbus High School in the Bronx and
7 immediately embarked upon a 21 year career in the United States Army, where she served
8 in various positions and in many locations around the world and from which she honorably
9 retired as a Sergeant First Class (SFC) in 2002 at Fort McPherson, Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, as a combat soldier, her deployments include tours of duty in support of
11 Operation Desert Shield (Saudi Arabia), Operation Desert Storm (Saudi Arabia), Hurricane
12 Mitch Disaster Relief (Guatemala), Operation Bright Star (Egypt), and Operation Enduring
13 Freedom (Kuwait); she also provided a supporting role at her home base at Fort Ord,
14 California, for Operation Just Cause (Panama); and

15 WHEREAS, in addition to her service to this country, she has dedicated her time, talents, and
16 energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced dramatically by her
17 superlative service as a former radio producer and personality of the Caribbean Experience
18 Radio Show on WIGO 1570 AM and with a multitude of organizations, such as Meals on
19 Wheels, the Coalition for the Peoples Agenda, the Salvation Army Homeless Shelter, the
20 Clayton County Chamber of Commerce, the American Red Cross, and the veterans ministry
21 at Shiloh Baptist Church in McDonough, Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, Jackie established several trailblazing humanitarian, grassroots, and business
23 organizations and was able to develop numerous programs for the community that offer

24 services to the homeless population, orphaned or hospitalized children, and military
25 servicemembers, among many others; and

26 WHEREAS, in 2018, she was earmarked by the Department of Health and Human Services
27 and FEMA to provide essential human services to Hurricane Irma evacuees in Atlanta from
28 the Virgin Islands, who were provided with essential recreational and religious services to
29 uplift and strengthen their morale; and

30 WHEREAS, Jackie is a licensed real estate associate broker with Better Homes and Gardens
31 Real Estate Metro Brokers in Stockbridge, Georgia, a position which she uses to further serve
32 the community; and

33 WHEREAS, Jackie has served her community, state, and nation with honor and distinction,
34 and it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize her outstanding public service.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body recognize Jacqueline Michelle Watson on Caribbean American
37 Day and commend her many contributions to the State of Georgia and the United States.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
40 Jacqueline Michelle Watson.