

House Resolution 1274

By: Representatives Alexander of the 66th, Bruce of the 61st, Boddie of the 62nd, and Beasley-Teague of the 65th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Vice Chairman Michelle Simmons for her outstanding public service; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Vice Chairman Michelle Simmons was the first African American woman
4 elected to be Vice Chairman of the Douglas County Board of Education after she took office
5 in 2014; and

6 WHEREAS, Vice Chairman Simmons has demonstrated excellence in the field of education
7 and the administration of Douglas County; and

8 WHEREAS, as a classroom teacher, she has been a tireless advocate for the improvement
9 of educational opportunities for special needs children; and

10 WHEREAS, she worked as an international educational ambassador and teacher in China,
11 where she taught herself to speak Mandarin, as part of her ordained ministerial duties; and

12 WHEREAS, Vice Chairman Simmons has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
13 for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
14 welfare and education of the children and citizens of Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
16 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced
17 dramatically by her international and national advocacy for educational issues; and

18 WHEREAS, Vice Chairman Simmons' significant organizational and leadership talents, her
19 remarkable patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs
20 of the students and citizens of her county and the State of Georgia have earned her the
21 respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

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

24 WHEREAS, Vice Chairman Simmons has served the State of Georgia with honor and
25 distinction, and her vision and unyielding commitment to excellence have set the standard
26 for public service in education; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body honor Vice Chairman Michelle Simmons for her efficient,
31 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most
32 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Vice
35 Chairman Michelle Simmons.