

House Resolution 1279

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Thomas of the 39th, Bentley of the 139th, Nelson of the 125th, and Burnough of the 77th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sergeant Crystal D. Dickens; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Sergeant Crystal D. Dickens served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and
3 security with the United States Marines for ten years on active duty and an additional ten
4 years reserve; and

5 WHEREAS, Sergeant Dickens began her military service as a diesel mechanic, transitioned
6 to logistics and embarkation, and served as a Training NCO and a Nuclear Biological
7 Chemical Warfare specialist before moving on to federal government service at the
8 Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Atlanta, Georgia, where she
9 retired; and

10 WHEREAS, she earned degrees in business administration and information
11 technology/telecommunications from DeVry University and currently works in the
12 information technology sector, where she teaches children and adult computer literacy skills;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Sergeant Dickens saw Georgia's need for veterans to gain help in resources and
15 claims assistance and so she founded the state's first chapter of the National Association of
16 Black Veterans, Chapter 112, where she currently works as a certified veterans service
17 officer, serving veterans and their families in DeKalb, Henry, and Clayton counties; and

18 WHEREAS, she tirelessly labors on behalf of veterans, endeavors to find resources for the
19 homeless, helps the children and widows of veterans in their acquisition of benefits and
20 records, and unwaveringly advocates for what is right and good for all veterans; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
22 extraordinary individual be recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize and commend Sergeant Crystal D. Dickens for her many
25 valuable contributions on behalf of veterans and extend their sincere best wishes for her
26 continued success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
29 Sergeant Crystal D. Dickens.