

## House Resolution 1600

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, Burnough of the 77<sup>th</sup>, and Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Marsha Washington George; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Marsha Washington George, affectionately known as "Radiolady," resides in  
3 the Metropolitan Atlanta area and is an author who studied at Bethune-Cookman University  
4 and the University of South Florida; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Marsha's book, *Black Radio... Winner Takes All!*, tells the story of America's  
6 broadcast pioneers; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she was recognized by the AT&T Black Alliance; hosted the conversation with  
8 the Atlanta Radio Legends Presentation at the Auburn Avenue Research Library,  
9 highlighting Atlanta Radio Pioneers of WERD; was honored as a radio historian by the  
10 NBPC in 2011; and was profiled in producer Tom Roche's 2010 Atlanta Film Festival first  
11 place documentary *Alley Pat: The Music is Recorded*; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in 1979, Marsha's family moved from Tampa to Atlanta, and from 1980 to 1990  
13 she served as primary advisor for the Georgia Tech Xi Alpha Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta;  
14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, in 1990, Marsha began to interview African American radio icons across the  
16 United States; and
- 17 WHEREAS, she has donated artifacts to the Auburn Avenue Research Library, and her  
18 uncle, Ken Knight, was the program director who opened up the first black owned radio  
19 station in the United States, WERD on Auburn Avenue, in 1949; and
- 20 WHEREAS, in recent years, they have been recognized by the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame,  
21 and in 2017 her uncle was inducted as a Legacy Inductee Member; and

22 WHEREAS, from 1989 to 2017, Marsha worked with the NBPC Scholarship Committee; she  
23 was appointed as a board member of the National Black Radio Hall of Fame in St. Louis,  
24 Missouri, in 2017; and she is now the president of its Atlanta Chapter; and

25 WHEREAS, on Fridays from 2007 to 2011, she sponsored the Young Readers Children's  
26 Book Club, whose members had the opportunity to meet President Jimmy Carter; and

27 WHEREAS, Marsha was recognized in 2017 at the Howey, Hudson, Lowe Foundation with  
28 the MLK Drum Major for Service Award, which was signed by President Barack Obama;  
29 and

30 WHEREAS, she retired as an AT&T Network Engineering Project Manager in 2002 and is  
31 producing a historical digital project with Atlanta Chapter members Casual Cal and Felesha  
32 Love for the Black Men and Black Women in Radio Project; and

33 WHEREAS, on April 29, 2018, the chapter will host its first Annual Kids "Drop the MIC"  
34 Awards at the Black Experience and Expo 2018; and

35 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the accomplishments of this exemplary  
36 Georgian be appropriately recognized.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
38 the members of this body recognize and commend Marsha Washington George and extend  
39 the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
42 Marsha Washington George.