

## House Resolution 34

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup> and Williams of the 168<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Judge Linnie L. Darden III for receiving the Humanitarian of the Year Award  
2 from Kirk Healing Centers for the Homeless on February 9, 2019; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a respected judge, trial attorney, retired Army colonel, preacher, community  
4 activist, and humanitarian, Judge Linnie L. Darden III has diligently and conscientiously  
5 devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his  
6 community and state; and

7 WHEREAS, Judge Darden began his legal career as a deputy district attorney in Sacramento,  
8 California, after graduating from the University of California at Berkeley (Boalt Hall) School  
9 of Law; and

10 WHEREAS, Judge Darden serves as the juvenile court judge for the Atlantic Judicial  
11 District, presiding in Liberty and Long counties, a position to which he has been reappointed  
12 four times since 2000; and

13 WHEREAS, this year, Judge Darden established a Juvenile Court Family Drug Treatment  
14 Court for the Atlantic Judicial District; the new court is designed to reunify families whose  
15 children have been removed from their homes as a result of parental drug addiction; and

16 WHEREAS, he has served as the City Attorney for the City of Hinesville, Georgia, since  
17 2009 and is general counsel for the Hinesville Housing Authority and Hinesville Downtown  
18 Development Authority; and

19 WHEREAS, Judge Darden's service with the United States Army, as the senior minister of  
20 the 50th Street Church of Christ, and with the NAACP is further testimony to his  
21 commitment to the welfare of others; and

22 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience and  
23 diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of his fellow citizens have  
24 earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body congratulate Judge Linnie L. Darden III for receiving the  
29 Humanitarian of the Year Award and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued  
30 health and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Judge  
33 Linnie L. Darden III.