

House Resolution 302

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Thomas of the 56th, Park of the 101st, and Clark of the 108th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and honoring Freda Jones for her hard work in bringing HIV/AIDS awareness
2 and education to her communities; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Freda has a long and consistent record of service to the community and this
4 state and has been recognized as a key leader in the fight against HIV/AIDS; and

5 WHEREAS, when Freda was diagnosed with HIV in 2002, she immediately knew that it was
6 time for her to take a stand against HIV; and

7 WHEREAS, she began working at Aniz, Inc., an organization focused on women and
8 children infected and affected with HIV/AIDS, and became a lead facilitator for the Reaching
9 Out to Sisters with HIV/AIDS (ROSHA) program; and

10 WHEREAS, working in the area of HIV prevention, Freda is certified as a pre/post test
11 counselor and is a facilitator for VOICES and SISTA; she was an outreach worker with
12 Recovery Consultants of Atlanta and became the PEER 2 PEER adherence counselor at the
13 AIDS Survival Project in 2007; and

14 WHEREAS, she has been profiled in *Atlanta Voice* as part of an article for World AIDS day,
15 highlighting African American women living with HIV/AIDS; she was also featured in a
16 faith-based educational video, "HIV/AIDS Have We Forgotten," which was nominated for
17 a Telly Award in 2009; and

18 WHEREAS, Freda received an award from Sistas Organizing to Survive for her
19 contributions to the community; she has worked timelessly on many planning committees
20 for HIV events throughout Atlanta and is the founder of Positive Peers of Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, Freda was an ambassador for the nationwide campaign, "Greater Than AIDS,"
22 and served as the chair of the Atlanta Area Outreach Initiative; she has created an online HIV

23 support group for women living with HIV and serves on the board of directors at Recovery
24 Consultants of Atlanta; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend and honor Freda Jones for her selfless dedication to
29 helping others who are living with HIV; by educating the community about the disease,
30 particularly in HIV/AIDS prevention; and by spreading awareness of HIV/AIDS, both locally
31 and nationally.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
34 Freda Jones.