

## House Resolution 851

By: Representatives Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Holly of the 111<sup>th</sup>, Stephenson of the 90<sup>th</sup>, and Douglas of the 78<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Judge Holly Veal for receiving the Lady Justice - Justice for  
2 All Award for 2019, as submitted by Phenomenal Women "Soaring Beyond" of Henry  
3 County, Georgia; for being recognized as a Community Pillar in balancing the scales of  
4 justice that support community unity, growth, and development; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, Judge Holly Veal has been recognized for her many accomplishments in the  
6 community and for her achievements in the legal field and was appointed by Governor  
7 Nathan Deal to the Flint Judicial Circuit of the Superior Court of Henry County in 2018; and

8 WHEREAS, Judge Veal was honored to be the first African American to hold the position  
9 of superior court judge in Henry County; and

10 WHEREAS, Judge Veal obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and her  
11 master's degree in business administration from Georgia State University; she attended and  
12 completed studies at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, on a full merit scholarship  
13 where she served on the staff of the *Journal of Law, Technology and Policy*; and

14 WHEREAS, while at the University of Pittsburgh, Judge Veal served as a teacher's assistance  
15 at CLEO, Inc., an organization seeking to create greater education, diversity, and equality in  
16 the legal profession; and

17 WHEREAS, Judge Veal demonstrated her commitment to the development of youth in her  
18 work with the Pennsylvania Board of Education, providing academic assistance to at-risk  
19 children in the classroom setting; and

20 WHEREAS, in more than 15 years of practice in the legal profession, Judge Veal has served  
21 as a senior assistant district attorney and assistant public defender; and she has operated a  
22 successful law firm; and

23 WHEREAS, Judge Veal has earned recognition for her work as a prosecutor and defense  
24 lawyer, arguing before the Georgia Supreme Court; and

25 WHEREAS, Judge Veal served on the Formal Advisory Opinion Board through the State Bar  
26 of Georgia and on the board of directors for the Hands of Hope Clinic, an organization in  
27 which she is passionately engaged; and

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

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body recognize and commend Judge Holly Veal for receiving the Lady  
34 Justice - Justice for All Award and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued health  
35 and happiness.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Judge  
38 Holly Veal.