

House Resolution 1010

By: Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Buckner of the 137th, Stephenson of the 90th, Burnough of the 77th, Evans of the 83rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the League of Women Voters of Georgia on the occasion of its 100th
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters was founded on February 14, 1920, as a
4 volunteer, nonpartisan organization to promote political responsibility through informed and
5 active participation of citizens in government; and

6 WHEREAS, the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment was the hard-fought and
7 successful culmination of a 72 year national campaign led by suffragists including Susan B.
8 Anthony, Carrie Chapman Catt, Alice Paul, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mary Church Terrell,
9 and Ida B. Wells; and

10 WHEREAS, the fight for women's suffrage in Georgia was led by brave and courageous
11 women including Rebecca Latimer Felton, Lugenia Burns Hope, Lucy C. Laney, Emily C.
12 McDougald, Mary Latimer McLendon, Eleonore Raoul, H. Augusta Shaw, and Annie G.
13 Wright; and

14 WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters was founded in February 14, 1920, mere months
15 before the Nineteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution was ratified and women
16 across the nation gained the right of suffrage; and

17 WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of Georgia is widely recognized as exerting a
18 positive influence on government at all levels and as being instrumental in encouraging voter
19 registration and participation; and

20 WHEREAS, the diligent efforts of the League of Women Voters of Georgia has earned the
21 organization a well-deserved reputation as one of the most beneficial and influential political
22 organizations in this state; and

23 WHEREAS, throughout its 100 years, the League has continuously and consistently worked
24 for responsible and responsive government at the local, state, and national levels; and

25 WHEREAS, for 100 years, the League of Women Voters and the League of Women Voters
26 of Georgia have collaborated with other organizations to increase civic participation and fight
27 for important reforms, such as fair and accessible elections, open government, campaign
28 finance reform, education and environmental protection on behalf of the rights of women,
29 minorities, and other historically disadvantaged groups; and

30 WHEREAS, the commitment and dedication of the League of Women Voters and its many
31 members have been amply demonstrated in its 100 years; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine
33 organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately
34 recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body commend the League of Women Voters of Georgia for 100 years
37 of service to the State of Georgia and extend best wishes for future success.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
40 League of Women Voters of Georgia.