

House Resolution 1084

By: Representative Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Carl Ware; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Carl Ware has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role  
3 that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the  
4 citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Carl Ware was born in Newnan, Georgia, on September 30, 1943, to U.B. and  
6 Lois Wimberly Ware as one of 12 children; he learned early on that "if I wanted to work  
7 somewhere other than a cotton field ... I needed an education. I also learned that, to get my  
8 education, I was going to have to work harder than the kids whose families had more  
9 money"; and

10 WHEREAS, he graduated from Clark College in Atlanta in 1965 and then studied at  
11 Carnegie Mellon University from 1965 to 1966 before earning his master's of public  
12 administration from the University of Pittsburgh in 1968; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1970, he moved to Atlanta and assumed the dual positions of director of  
14 family and community services and deputy director of urban redevelopment with the Atlanta  
15 Housing Authority; and

16 WHEREAS, Carl Ware later entered the realm of city politics and won election to the Atlanta  
17 City Council, where he served as president from 1976 to 1979; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1979, he was named vice president of special markets for The Coca-Cola  
19 Company and founded The Coca-Cola Foundation; and

20 WHEREAS, as the highest ranking African American executive at The Coca-Cola Company,  
21 Carl Ware would become the architect of his employer's South Africa disinvestment and the  
22 first American businessman to meet with Nelson Mandela after his release from prison in

23 1990, thus proving to be instrumental in the fall of South Africa's brutal system of apartheid;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, in 1991, he was appointed deputy group president of Coca-Cola's Northeast  
26 Europe Africa group; in 1993, he became the first black group president and retired from  
27 Coca-Cola in 2003 as head of global public affairs and administration; and

28 WHEREAS, Carl Ware has served on several boards, including those for Georgia Power,  
29 National Life of Vermont, Cummins, Chevron, and PGA Tour Golf Properties, as well as the  
30 Council on Foreign Relations, the United States Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of the  
31 Metropolitan Atlanta Chamber of Commerce; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
33 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized for his lifetime of  
34 accomplishments.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body recognize and commend Carl Ware for his many years of  
37 achievements and accomplishments.

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 Carl  
40 Ware.