

## House Resolution 1381

By: Representatives Bennett of the 94<sup>th</sup>, Dickerson of the 113<sup>th</sup>, Kendrick of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, Carter of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, and Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Freda Hammonds for receiving the 2020 Yellow Rose  
2 Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1999, Representative Nikki T. Randall became the first African American  
4 female elected to the General Assembly from middle Georgia, and over her 17 years of  
5 service as a legislator, she held numerous leadership positions, including chair of the Georgia  
6 Legislative Women's Caucus; and

7 WHEREAS, every year during Women's History Month, the Georgia Legislative Women's  
8 Caucus recognizes outstanding women in Georgia who exemplify the leadership and  
9 inspiration embodied by Representative Randall; and

10 WHEREAS, Freda Hammonds received her undergraduate degree from Mercer University,  
11 received her Master of Science in mental health counseling from Capella University, and is  
12 currently working on her doctorate at Capella University; and

13 WHEREAS, Freda serves as chairperson of the NAACP's ACT-SO program on the  
14 Executive Committee Board, as vice chairperson of the Region 3 Advisory Council with the  
15 Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, and on the  
16 DeKalb County CASA Board; she is the former chairperson and vice chairperson of the  
17 Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates; and

18 WHEREAS, her service as a behavioral health specialist with the Department of Community  
19 Supervision, where she counsels and educates former offenders transitioning back into  
20 communities, is an additional testament to her commitment to the well-being of others; and

21 WHEREAS, Freda has established a glowing reputation of renown throughout Georgia for  
22 her sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and  
24 contributions of this extraordinary servant leader be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body congratulate and commend Freda Hammonds for receiving the  
27 2020 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award and extend best wishes for her  
28 continued success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Freda  
31 Hammonds.