

House Resolution 1492

By: Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Shannon of the 84th, Park of the 101st, and Cannon of the 58th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Rashad Jamal Taylor on his outstanding public service as a
2 political consultant and legislator; and for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, Rashad's significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience
7 and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state
8 have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

9 WHEREAS, Rashad's political interests began when he was the first high school student ever
10 selected for an internship with the Congressional Black Caucus in the office of
11 Representative John Lewis; later, as a student at Morehouse College, he worked as a finance
12 assistant for United States Senator Max Cleland; and

13 WHEREAS, as a political consultant, Rashad has successfully managed several campaigns
14 in metro Atlanta elections for sheriff, Superior Court, Georgia House, Georgia Senate, city
15 council, and county commission; Rashad's career has included working as deputy campaign
16 manager for Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed and on Mayor Reed's transition team; and

17 WHEREAS, Rashad served in the Georgia House of Representatives as a legislator from the
18 55th House District from 2009 to 2013 and, upon his election, he was the youngest serving
19 member of the General Assembly. In addition, he was the first openly gay male to serve in
20 the Georgia General Assembly and only the second openly gay African American male state
21 legislator in the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
23 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

24 WHEREAS, Rashad has served with honor and distinction, and his vision and unyielding
25 commitment have set the standard for public service; and

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Rashad Jamal Taylor for his efficient,
30 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most
31 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

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 Rashad Jamal Taylor.