

## House Resolution 1529

By: Representatives Wilson of the 80<sup>th</sup>, Park of the 101<sup>st</sup>, Cannon of the 58<sup>th</sup>, Shannon of the 84<sup>th</sup>, and Drenner of the 85<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Stonewall Bar Association of Georgia Inc. for 25 years  
2 of service to the Georgia legal community; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Stonewall Bar Association of Georgia Inc. is a professional association of  
4 Georgia attorneys, judges, law students, paralegals, and other legal professionals who support  
5 the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and who oppose discrimination  
6 based upon sexual orientation or gender identity; and

7 WHEREAS, the organization fosters a social and professional learning community for  
8 Georgia's LGBTQ legal professionals; and

9 WHEREAS, since its founding in 1995, the Stonewall Bar Association of Georgia Inc. has  
10 grown from three members to over 1,100 legal professionals across the state; and

11 WHEREAS, its members work every day in jurisdictions throughout Georgia to ensure that  
12 all Georgians have access to our legal justice system and that LGBTQ Georgians are well  
13 represented not only in private legal practice but also throughout Georgia's state agencies and  
14 elected offices as judges and state legislators; and

15 WHEREAS, its members participate annually in various pride festivals throughout the state,  
16 promoting legal services to a population of Georgians who might not otherwise know how  
17 to access Georgia's legal justice system; and

18 WHEREAS, the organization partners annually with the State Bar of Georgia to provide  
19 continuing legal education classes for Georgia's legal professionals that serve to promote  
20 greater awareness and inclusiveness of Georgia's LGBTQ community; and

21 WHEREAS, the organization regularly promotes pro bono opportunities for members of the  
22 State Bar of Georgia that directly benefit Georgia's LGBTQ community; and

23 WHEREAS, the organization advocates for the recognition of Georgia's LGBTQ lawyers and  
24 judges for their professional achievements; and

25 WHEREAS, the organization provides a forum to support LGBTQ judges and has created  
26 a pipeline to connect them with LGBTQ lawyers and law students in this state interested in  
27 public service through the judiciary; and

28 WHEREAS, the organization provides a mentorship program for younger LGBTQ legal  
29 professionals; and

30 WHEREAS, each year, the organization provides scholarships for LGBTQ law students in  
31 Georgia to attend the annual LGBT Bar Association Lavender Law Conference, connecting  
32 them with LGBTQ legal professionals and judges from across the country.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body recognize the Stonewall Bar Association of Georgia Inc. for its 25  
35 years of service to the people of Georgia; commend the Stonewall Bar Association of  
36 Georgia Inc. for its work to ensure all Georgians have access to our legal justice system; and  
37 extend most sincere best wishes to the Stonewall Bar Association of Georgia Inc. for  
38 continued success.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
41 Stonewall Bar Association of Georgia Inc.