

House Resolution 1613

By: Representative Thomas of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sarahn Henderson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the result of a burning passion to document and discover the history of black
3 midwives in the south, Sarahn Henderson has devoted much of her time and energy to
4 connecting with Georgia's remaining certified grand midwives and publishing their stories;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the name of her midwifery service, Birth in the Traditions, recognizes modern
7 midwifery's roots in traditional childbirth customs from around the world, particularly those
8 that spread as a result of the African Diaspora; and

9 WHEREAS, a highly esteemed author and writer, Sarahn has had her stories featured in
10 several books, periodicals, and magazines, including *Mothering Magazine*, *Black Enterprise*,
11 and *Atlanta Daily World*; and

12 WHEREAS, a truly dedicated member of the midwifery community, she co-founded both
13 the Southern Alliance of Midwives, a midwifery social group, and Dua Afe, Whole Woman
14 Inc., a childbirth education, woman wellness, and community midwifery service
15 organization; and

16 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high
17 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens, and she possesses the vast wisdom
18 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved
19 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

20 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
21 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize and commend Sarahn Henderson for her dedication in
26 documenting the history of midwifery in Georgia and extend the most sincere best wishes
27 for continued health and happiness.

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