

House Resolution 810

By: Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Greene of the 154th, Petrea of the 166th, Gladney of the 130th, Yearta of the 152nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Katrina Baranko; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Katrina Baranko of Albany, Georgia, was elected to a one-year term as
3 president of Kiwanis International at the Kiwanis International Convention in June, 2023;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, she has been a member of Kiwanis for 30 years and served the Kiwanis Club
6 of Albany as distinguished president and secretary; and

7 WHEREAS, she has held numerous leadership positions in Kiwanis as well as being a
8 George F. Hixson Fellow, a Walter Zeller Fellow, and a Wil Blechman Fellow; and

9 WHEREAS, she helped lead Kiwanis International through the COVID years and has
10 focused on understanding the needs of younger people and how to build a flexible model to
11 modernize Kiwanis and attract the next generation; and

12 WHEREAS, she has performed extensive work on membership, strengthening existing clubs
13 and opening new clubs around the world by identifying and encouraging members with
14 leadership skills; and

15 WHEREAS, in her community, she has been a member of the boards of directors of the
16 Albany Area Chamber of Commerce, Liberty House, March of Dimes, and the Albany
17 Technical College Foundation; served as past chair of Lee County Heart Association, past
18 president of Lee County Association of Educators and Women in Network, and past district
19 director of Georgia Association of Educators; was a finalist for Small Business of the Year;
20 and was named Junior Women's Club Family of the Year, Georgia Business Teacher of the
21 Year, and Future Business Leaders of America Advisor of the Year; and

22 WHEREAS, her hard work and dedication have led to her well-deserved election to the
23 prestigious post of president of Kiwanis International.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize and commend Katrina Baranko and congratulate her on
26 being elected president of Kiwanis International.

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