

House Resolution 1572

By: Representatives Moore of the 91st, Hugley of the 141st, and Efstoration of the 104th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Speaker Pro Tempore Jan Jones for her historic leadership and lasting
2 contributions to the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the month of March is designated as Women's History Month, a time to
4 celebrate the achievements and contributions of women who have broken barriers and paved
5 the way for future generations; and

6 WHEREAS, Jan Slaughter Jones, born in Warner Robins, Georgia, and a proud graduate of
7 the University of Georgia and Georgia State University, has dedicated her career to public
8 service, bringing with her the values of her upbringing as the granddaughter of farmers and
9 the daughter of a career soldier; and

10 WHEREAS, first elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2002, Representative
11 Jones has served the citizens of House District 47 with distinction, fiercely advocating for
12 education reform, fiscal responsibility, and policies that bring government closer to the
13 people; and

14 WHEREAS, in January 2010, Representative Jones shattered the marble ceiling of the
15 Georgia State Capitol by being elected Speaker Pro Tempore, becoming the first woman to

16 serve in that role and the highest-ranking woman in Georgia legislative history at the time;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, following the passing of Speaker David Ralston in November 2022, Jan Jones
19 made Her-Story once again when she was elevated to become the first woman to serve as
20 Acting Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, leading the chamber with steady
21 resolve during a period of transition until January 2023; and

22 WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, Speaker Pro Tempore Jones has demonstrated
23 unwavering leadership, navigating complex legislative battles ranging from education reform
24 and election integrity to economic development, all while mentoring the next generation of
25 leaders; and

26 WHEREAS, her legacy as a trailblazer, a devoted public servant, and a role model for
27 women and girls across Georgia serves as an enduring inspiration.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Speaker Pro Tempore Jan Jones for her historic tenure
30 as Acting Speaker and her continuous service as Speaker Pro Tempore, celebrating her as a
31 pioneer who has expanded the role of women in Georgia's leadership.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, during this year's Women's History Month, the
33 members of this body honor her dedication to the constituents of District 47, her
34 family—including her husband, Kalin, as well as their four children and four
35 grandchildren—and her profound impact on the State of Georgia.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
38 Speaker Pro Tempore Jan Jones.