

House Resolution 1200

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Mitchell of the 88th, and Boddie of the 62nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Derrick Boazman; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Derrick Boazman, a native Atlantan, was born and reared on Atlanta's south
3 side. In 1997, he was elected to the Atlanta City Council and was re-elected for his second
4 term in 2001. Councilmember Boazman resigned his seat on the city council in April 2004;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Boazman is president and CEO of Facilitation Strategies Inc., which
7 specializes in strategic planning and group facilitation activities. He received his bachelor's
8 degree in political science from Morris Brown College, where he began his political career
9 as president of the Student Government Association; and

10 WHEREAS, he serves as a certified trainer teaching community leadership and
11 organizational development skills at Midwest Academy, an instruction entity that travels
12 throughout the country, and at the Fanning Leadership Institute of the University of Georgia
13 in Athens. He has also served as an instructor at the Community Development Institute at
14 Clark Atlanta University; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2000, Mr. Boazman was the recipient of the Concerned Black Clergy of
16 Metro Atlanta Inc.'s "Award for Outstanding Contribution in Politics" and Morris Brown
17 College's "Going the Distance - Career Achievement Award." He was the 1997 recipient of
18 the "Human Service Award" from the Georgia Greater Metro chapter of the Association of
19 Black Social Workers; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Boazman was also selected to be a prestigious German Marshall Fund
21 Fellow. In 2002, he traveled abroad throughout Europe studying state, local, and national
22 government issues. His travels took him to Bratislava, Slovakia; Berlin, Germany;
23 Marseille, France; Copenhagen, Denmark; and Brussels, Belgium; and

24 WHEREAS, Councilmember Boazman is an outspoken advocate for the rights of minorities
25 and has appeared on CNN's *Talkback Live*, *Nightline*, *Court TV*, dozens of nationally
26 syndicated radio programs, as well as being interviewed by *the Wall Street Journal*, *the New*
27 *York Times*, and the *New Yorker Magazine*; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Boazman is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, and is
29 very active with the Prince Hall Affiliated Masons where he has attained the 33rd degree.
30 Mr. Boazman is a member of Mount Sinai Baptist Church.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body recognize and commend Derrick Boazman for his many wonderful
33 accomplishments and extend sincere best wishes for future health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
36 Derrick Boazman.