

House Resolution 129

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bazemore of the 69th, Bruce of the 61st, Glaize of the 67th, and Schofield of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Senator Donzella James, recipient of the Leroy Reginald Johnson Legislator
2 of the Year Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Donzella James is a democratic senator representing Georgia's 35th
4 District, which includes portions of Fulton and Douglas counties; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator James currently serves as the chairwoman of Urban Affairs and the vice
6 chairwoman for Interstate Cooperation; she is also a member of the Education and Youth,
7 Appropriations, and Economic Development and Tourism committees; and

8 WHEREAS, she has worked to bring progressive change in the areas of crime reduction,
9 environmental conservation, stronger drunk driving laws and drug trafficking laws, economic
10 development, increased access to affordable healthcare, and quality education; and

11 WHEREAS, she sponsored or co-sponsored more than 400 pieces of legislation throughout
12 her tenure in the Georgia State Senate; she was proud to support Senate Bill 1 during the
13 2015 Legislative Session as well as champion House Bill 89; and

14 WHEREAS, as an ardent supporter of education, she fought to increase funding and
15 minimize cuts to the budget during the most recent economic recession and also championed
16 veterans' issues; and

17 WHEREAS, with the passage of Senate Resolution 9 during the 2013 Legislative Session,
18 she has been instrumental in urging the Georgia Department of Economic Development to
19 promote and strengthen beneficial ties with African nations; and

20 WHEREAS, as a leader in her community, Senator James is a member of multiple advisory
21 boards and organizations that all share the main goal of bettering the community, and she has
22 earned numerous awards for her excellence and many accomplishments; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this outstanding legislator be
24 appropriately honored for her innumerable hours of time and energy on behalf of her
25 constituents.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend Senator Donzella James, recipient of the Leroy Reginald
28 Johnson Legislator of the Year Award, for her efficient, effective, and dedicated service to
29 the State of Georgia as well as extend sincere best wishes for continued success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
32 Senator Donzella James.