

House Resolution 12

By: Representatives Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd, and Cannon of the 58th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating the month of April as Community Activist Month; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Community Activist Month recognizes individuals with spirit, vision, values,
3 leadership, and transformational activism who create a better tomorrow for generations yet
4 to be born; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Community Activist Month will focus on "activism" and "activist," which are
6 terms that date back to the slave revolts of the first century BC in the Roman Empire as well
7 as the civil actions and new social movements of the 1960s in the United States; and
- 8 WHEREAS, activists fight the status quo and challenge injustice to balance the scales of
9 justice and have a long history of changing the world through reform; and
- 10 WHEREAS, activists gather people together and build coalitions to tap into the power of
11 collaboration and collective strength and demand righteousness and change; collective action
12 that is purposeful, organized, and sustained over a period of time becomes known as a social
13 movement; and

14 WHEREAS, activists are inspirational leaders and role models who possess a mix of
15 unflagging effort, effective action, and tangible achievement, setting a standard for other
16 activists to duplicate within communities; and

17 WHEREAS, activists advocate for fairness, transparency, ethics, and accessibility while
18 facilitating equity and diversity; they also advocate for all aspects of life such as social
19 justice agendas, including, but not limited to, civil rights issues, economic development,
20 environmental justice, health policy, education, criminal justice, voting rights, international
21 affairs, labor, and youth development; and

22 WHEREAS, the month of April is an appropriate month to observe Community Activist
23 Month.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the members of this body:

26 (1) Designate the month of April of each year as Community Activist Month in the State
27 of Georgia in order to celebrate activists throughout history;

28 (2) Acknowledge unsung heroic activists and their strength, selfless courage, and hopeful
29 actions that create a positive and much improved future; and

30 (3) Respectfully request the Governor to issue annually a proclamation recognizing the
31 month of April in the State of Georgia as Community Activist Month and call upon the
32 people in the State of Georgia to observe the month with appropriate programs and
33 activities.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
36 Governor Brian Kemp and the public and the press.