

## House Resolution 21

By: Representatives Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 141<sup>st</sup>, Jones of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 165<sup>th</sup>, Cummings of the 39<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and celebrating Representative Rhonda Burnough on her 50th Anniversary as a  
2 member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Representative Rhonda Burnough, a distinguished member of the Georgia  
4 House of Representatives for District 77, has dedicated her life to public service, community  
5 advocacy, and education while serving as an exemplary member of Delta Sigma Theta  
6 Sorority, Incorporated, for 50 years; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Burnough has faithfully represented the citizens of House  
8 District 77, which includes portions of Clayton County, since her election in 2016 while  
9 advancing causes that benefit the community both before and during her legislative tenure;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, her career in public education has been marked by the creation and  
12 implementation of impactful programs such as the DAY ONE initiative, which promotes a  
13 positive start to the school year, and the Celebrity Reader program, where community leaders  
14 read to students, fostering literacy and engagement; and

15 WHEREAS, she has founded several community organizations, including 500 Men Standing  
16 in the GAP and 500 Women Standing in the GAP, encouraging parental and community  
17 involvement in the lives of children as well as further demonstrating her unwavering  
18 commitment to community development; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Burnough's contributions have been recognized through  
20 numerous prestigious honors, including the 2013 National Community and Service Award  
21 and the 2012 Gold Volunteer Service Award, both bestowed by President Barack Obama in  
22 recognition of her extraordinary public service; and

23 WHEREAS, she has remained a committed and active member of the East Point/College  
24 Park Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, exemplifying the values  
25 of sisterhood, scholarship, and service for five decades; and

26 WHEREAS, Representative Rhonda Burnough led a heartfelt campaign to establish Purple  
27 Heart Cities in Clayton County, recognizing the bravery and sacrifices of our military  
28 veterans who were wounded or killed in combat. This initiative is a powerful step toward  
29 showing gratitude to those who have given so much for our nation. By designating Purple  
30 Heart Cities, we strengthen our community's commitment to honoring our heroes and  
31 preserving their legacy; and

32 WHEREAS, her legislative accomplishments, community leadership, and educational  
33 advocacy have left an indelible mark on her community and the State of Georgia, inspiring  
34 countless individuals through her tireless work and dedication to service.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body do hereby recognize and honor Representative Rhonda Burnough

37 on the occasion of her 50th anniversary as a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,  
38 Incorporated; commend her for her lifelong dedication to public service and community  
39 empowerment; and extend our heartfelt congratulations on this remarkable milestone.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
42 Representative Rhonda Burnough.