

House Resolution 78

By: Representatives Parsons of the 44th, Smith of the 18th, Williams of the 168th, and Panitch of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Venessa C. Harrison upon her retirement; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, with an admirable 45 years of dedicated service, Venessa C. Harrison is set to
4 retire on January 31, 2025, from her role as president of AT&T Southeast Coastal States,
5 leaving behind a profound and lasting legacy; and

6 WHEREAS, she began her career as a telephone operator and rose through the ranks to
7 executive leadership, inspired by her mother's teachings on the importance of education, hard
8 work, and community involvement; and

9 WHEREAS, her leadership has been instrumental in shaping AT&T's public policy,
10 economic development, and community relations in Georgia, South Carolina, and North
11 Carolina, fostering growth and building positive relationships within these states; and

12 WHEREAS, Venessa C. Harrison is a dedicated advocate for youth, and her efforts have
13 empowered undeserved communities, driving significant impact and change for our most
14 needed families; and

15 WHEREAS, she has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to civic leadership, serving on
16 numerous prestigious boards, including the Metro Atlanta Chamber and the Georgia
17 Historical Society, earning recognition as a top community development advocate; and

18 WHEREAS, Venessa C. Harrison's passion for service and helping uplift those around her
19 will forever impact countless youth and families across Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, following her retirement, she intends to continue her impactful work by
21 contributing to nonprofit organizations in an advisory capacity, using her expertise to help
22 them thrive.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize and commend Venessa C. Harrison upon the grand
25 occasion of her retirement for her outstanding career at AT&T, her transformative leadership,
26 and her invaluable contributions to the communities she has served.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
29 Venessa C. Harrison.