

House Resolution 310

By: Representatives Santos of the 117th, Holly of the 116th, Douglas of the 78th, Flournoy of the 74th, Kahaian of the 81st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Judge Holly W. Veal on her outstanding public service; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Judge Holly W. Veal has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
4 the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state, as evidenced
8 dramatically by her superlative service with the Superior Court of Henry County; and

9 WHEREAS, Judge Veal is a trailblazer in the legal profession, serving as the first
10 Guyanese/African American as well as the first woman to hold a judgeship in the Superior
11 Court of Henry County; and

12 WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished career, she has been recognized by her peers and
13 colleagues for her exemplary advocacy, having argued cases before the Supreme Court of
14 Georgia, and her dedication to ethical standards in the legal profession is reflected in her
15 service on the Formal Advisory Opinion Board through the State Bar of Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, Judge Veal has further demonstrated a steadfast commitment to reform and
17 rehabilitation through her oversight of the Henry County Adult Felony Drug Court Program,
18 championing initiatives that provide opportunities for drug offenders to reintegrate into
19 society and pursue paths to recovery; and

20 WHEREAS, outside the courtroom, she remains deeply engaged in her community and
21 serves on the Board of Directors for the Hands of Hope Clinic; and

22 WHEREAS, as additional testament to her excellent service, she was previously honored by
23 the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers for her leadership as chair of the
24 Debra Blum Mental Health Committee; and

25 WHEREAS, with her steadfast dedication to justice and the proper administration of the law,
26 Judge Holly W. Veal continues to inspire and lead, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that
27 she be appropriately honored.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Judge Holly W. Veal for her efficient,
30 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend their
31 most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Judge
34 Holly W. Veal.