

House Resolution 380

By: Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Reese of the 140th, Buckner of the 137th, and Smith of the 138th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending James and Patricia Gant upon their retirement; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, James and Patricia Gant have diligently and conscientiously devoted
4 innumerable hours of their time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of their
5 community, as evidenced dramatically by their superlative service with State Farm; and

6 WHEREAS, during his distinguished career, James dedicated 46 years of service to State
7 Farm, beginning as a dual claim adjuster from 1978 to 1983 and becoming the first African
8 American to open a State Farm agency in Columbus, Georgia, in 1983; and

9 WHEREAS, Patricia worked alongside her husband as his office manager for 41 years,
10 beginning her tenure at the agency's opening in July 1983 and ending her career with their
11 joint retirement on July 31, 2024; and

12 WHEREAS, these distinguished individuals have given inspiration to many through their
13 high ideals, morals, and deep concern for their fellow citizens, and they possess the vast
14 wisdom which only comes through experience and the strength of character achieved through
15 overcoming the many challenges of life; and

16 WHEREAS, they are individuals of magnanimous strengths with unimpeachable reputations
17 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

18 WHEREAS, James and Patricia Gant have served with honor and distinction as part of the
19 State Farm Insurance Company, and their vision and unyielding commitment to excellence
20 will be sorely missed; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these distinguished individuals be
22 appropriately honored during this special time.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize and commend James and Patricia Gant for their decades
25 of service to State Farm; congratulate them upon the grand occasion of their retirement; and
26 extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

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 James
29 and Patricia Gant.