

House Resolution 775

By: Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Bennett of the 94th, and Hugley of the 141st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Carlene Anderson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Carlene Anderson has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to education,
3 civic engagement, and student empowerment through her decades of service as an educator,
4 mentor, and community advocate; and

5 WHEREAS, she began her exemplary career as an educator in 2002 through the teacher
6 training program at William Paterson University and joined the Paterson Public School
7 System, where she incorporated her social work background into her teaching practice to
8 promote innovation and digital citizenship at the elementary level; and

9 WHEREAS, her efforts earned her multiple grants from the Perloff Family Foundation and
10 the Garden State Partnership for Teacher Quality as well as national recognition through
11 features on NJEA's *Classroom Closeup-NJ* and *One-on-One* with Steve Aduato; and

12 WHEREAS, she presented her projects at prominent conferences such as the International
13 Society for Technology in Education, the Society for Information Technology and Teacher
14 Education, and the National Association of Professional Development Schools; and

15 WHEREAS, after relocating to Georgia in 2014, she joined Gwinnett County Public Schools
16 and served as a teacher of exceptional learners with the Georgia Network for Educational and
17 Therapeutic Support North Metro Program, where her students won awards at the GCPS
18 Media Festival for digital storytelling projects; and

19 WHEREAS, following injuries in 2019 that required her to leave the classroom, she
20 continued her advocacy work as president of the local units of her son's Parent Teacher
21 Student Associations, where she now champions student mental health, school safety,
22 education equity, access to nutrition, and grassroots civic action; and

23 WHEREAS, Carlene Anderson is a breast cancer survivor who endured surgery,
24 chemotherapy, and radiation from July 2023 to January 2024, emerging stronger and more
25 determined than ever to continue making an impact through faith, resilience, and service.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Carlene Anderson for her many
28 outstanding contributions on behalf of the youth of this state and beyond as well as extend
29 best wishes for future health, happiness, and success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
32 Carlene Anderson.