

House Resolution 776

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

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Tisa Smart-Washington; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, March is celebrated as Women's History Month, a time to honor and recognize
3 the invaluable contributions of women throughout history and across all fields and trades;
4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, Tisa Smart-Washington's contributions to the community reflect the core values
6 of Women's History Month; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Tisa is an accomplished public servant and trailblazing leader who has served
8 as Tax Commissioner of Rockdale County, Georgia, since 2016; and
- 9 WHEREAS, her journey in tax administration began in 2013, when she made history as the
10 first African American to be appointed Chief Deputy Tax Commissioner in Rockdale
11 County; and
- 12 WHEREAS, her 2016 election marked another milestone as she became the first African
13 American woman elected Tax Commissioner in the county, and she further cemented her

14 legacy as the first African American and the first woman to serve more than one term in the
15 office; and

16 WHEREAS, in addition to her elected role, Tisa contributes her expertise at the state level,
17 currently serving as Communications Chair and District Leader for the Georgia Association
18 of Tax Officials and as Treasurer for the Tax Commissioners' Technology Development
19 Council of Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, during her tenure as Chair of the Rockdale County Democratic Party, Tisa led
21 the charge in fielding a full slate of Democratic candidates in every local race-an
22 unprecedented move known as the "Slate of Eight"; and

23 WHEREAS, this groundbreaking effort resulted in the most significant political power shift
24 in Georgia during the 2012 election cycle and reshaped Rockdale County's political
25 landscape, opening doors for African American leadership and inspiring future generations
26 to step into public service; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this
28 remarkable woman are recognized during Women's History Month.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize and commend Tisa Smart-Washington for her
31 unwavering dedication to her community and extend sincere best wishes for her continued
32 health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Tisa
35 Smart-Washington.