

House Resolution 781

By: Representatives Martin of the 49th, Washburn of the 144th, Rice of the 139th, Williams of the 148th, Herring of the 145th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Stephanie Dean Kerce; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Stephanie Dean Kerce has demonstrated exemplary leadership and
3 commitment in her second year as director of the Georgia Legislative Internship Program
4 (GLIP), coordinating with colleges and universities across the State of Georgia to recruit and
5 ready student interns for service at the state capitol; and

6 WHEREAS, in this role, Dr. Kerce plays a vital part in the intern selection process by
7 assisting with applications and interviews, and her tireless support to Ali Martin and Stacy
8 Peery has been instrumental in preparing interns for the demands of their positions; and

9 WHEREAS, in addition to her statewide responsibilities, she is also serving her second year
10 as Georgia State University's GLIP director and college coordinator, where she holds
11 information sessions, guides students through the application process, and maintains close
12 collaboration with the Governmental Affairs Office; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Kerce leads the initial training session for Georgia State University GLIP
14 interns and serves as the professor for the program's two academic courses, Legislative

15 Internships and Directed Reading Research, providing academic structure and support
16 throughout their legislative experience; and

17 WHEREAS, since 2017, Dr. Kerce has served as a professor in the Department of Political
18 Science at Georgia State University, specializing in public law with a focus on judicial
19 politics, American political institutions, and the separation of powers; and

20 WHEREAS, her dedication to academic excellence and student development has had a
21 lasting impact on the success of the Georgia Legislative Internship Program and the students
22 of Georgia State University; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this exemplary individual be
24 appropriately honored during this special time.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Stephanie Dean Kerce for her
27 outstanding leadership, academic service, and contributions to the Georgia Legislative
28 Internship Program as well as extend best wishes for continued success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
31 Stephanie Dean Kerce.