

House Resolution 850

By: Representatives Martin of the 49th, Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Dempsey of the 13th, Smith of the 70th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Lynne Riley on the occasion of her retirement; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lynne Riley has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for her
4 character, leadership, and commitment to the betterment and welfare of Georgia families; and

5 WHEREAS, Lynne Riley has dutifully served the people of Georgia for 21 years as a Fulton
6 County Commissioner, State Representative, Revenue Commissioner, State Treasurer, and
7 President of the Georgia Student Finance Commission; and

8 WHEREAS, over \$4.3 billion has been awarded to 459,408 students through the HOPE
9 Scholarship Program since Lynne Riley was appointed by Governor Brian P. Kemp to serve
10 as President of the Georgia Student Finance Commission in July 2020; and

11 WHEREAS, her creativity and vision played a vital role in implementing the GEORGIA
12 MATCH program, one of the largest state-run direct admissions programs in the nation; and

13 WHEREAS, Lynne Riley was the first woman to be appointed Georgia State Treasurer and
14 Georgia State Revenue Commissioner; and

15 WHEREAS, Lynne Riley represented the citizens of House District 50 in the Georgia House
16 of Representatives from 2011 to 2014 and dutifully served as a Governor's Floor Leader and
17 member of the committees on Ways & Means, MARTOC, Natural Resources &
18 Environment, and Retirement; and

19 WHEREAS, her colleagues in this body elected her chairwoman of the Fulton County
20 Delegation; and

21 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience and
22 diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have
23 earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
25 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately honored.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Lynne Riley for her efficient, effective,
28 and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia as well as extend best wishes for
29 continued success and happiness in her retirement.

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 Lynne Riley.