

House Resolution 856

By: Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Drenner of the 85th, Bennett of the 94th, and Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Hazel Marie Gonzalez; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Hazel Marie Gonzalez has dedicated over three decades of her professional life
3 to the well-being of older adults across Georgia, and she now serves as Senior Center
4 Manager at the East DeKalb Senior Center under the DeKalb County Human Services
5 Department; and

6 WHEREAS, prior to her current role, she spent 11 years with Senior Connections Senior
7 Services and held positions as Senior Center Manager at the South DeKalb Senior Center for
8 10 years as well as Supervisor over Senior Center Operations for five years; and

9 WHEREAS, before her work in DeKalb County, Hazel Marie Gonzalez served for 14 years
10 as the Center Manager at New Horizons Senior Center, operated by Senior Citizen Services
11 of Fulton County; and

12 WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding leadership, Hazel Marie Gonzalez was
13 honored with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2023 ADRC Healthy
14 Communities Summit; and

15 WHEREAS, throughout her long and distinguished career, Hazel Marie Gonzalez has
16 embodied the lesson instilled in her by her parents: "Always respect and honor the elderly
17 and you will go far in life"; and

18 WHEREAS, in addition to her exemplary career achievements, she is the mother of Princess
19 Marie, her beloved daughter, and grandmother to Cari Marie and Clover McKenzie, her two
20 wonderful granddaughters; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable individual 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 commend Hazel Marie Gonzalez for her lifetime of service to
25 senior citizens as well as her unwavering dedication to her community and extend best
26 wishes for continued success.

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 Hazel
29 Marie Gonzalez.