

House Resolution 903

By: Representatives Bell of the 75th, Willis of the 55th, Holland of the 54th, Sharper of the 177th, and Reese of the 140th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life, work, and contributions of Attorney Gerald A. Griggs; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Attorney Gerald A. Griggs is a distinguished Atlanta-based attorney, a
4 passionate servant of the people, and a tireless advocate for justice, firmly dedicated to the
5 fundamental principle that "we seek truth, mercy, and justice forever"; and

6 WHEREAS, a 1996 graduate of Woodward Academy, he continued his academic pursuits
7 at Oxford College of Emory University and Emory University, where he earned his Bachelor
8 of Arts in 2000, followed by a Juris Doctor from the University of Cincinnati College of Law
9 in 2004; and

10 WHEREAS, since passing the Georgia Bar Examination in 2004, Attorney Griggs has built
11 a distinguished legal career, handling over 1,000 cases and earning a reputation as a
12 well-respected litigator, particularly known for representing clients in high-profile cases,
13 including the Atlanta Public Schools Cheating Trial, Georgia's longest trial; and

14 WHEREAS, his expertise and legal acumen have been featured on major media outlets,
15 including WSBTV, ABC, NBC, FOX, CNN, FOX News, CBS, TV-ONE, and WGCL,
16 further amplifying his voice as an advocate for justice; and

17 WHEREAS, Attorney Griggs made a significant impact on national policy and public
18 awareness through his representation in the Jaheem Herrera case, which played a pivotal role
19 in launching the National Anti-Bullying Movement and changing Georgia's anti-bullying
20 laws, ultimately leading him to be featured on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* in 2009; and

21 WHEREAS, he continues to promote anti-bullying initiatives, including as a featured speaker
22 at the Second Annual National Federal Partners in Bullying Summit in Washington, D.C.,
23 and as a leader of the Hot 107.9 Bullying is Not Hot Tour, spreading a message of awareness
24 and prevention throughout Metro Atlanta schools; and

25 WHEREAS, his dedication to community service extends beyond the courtroom as he serves
26 as the First Vice President of the Atlanta Chapter of the NAACP and has previously served
27 as the Third Vice President and Criminal Justice Committee Chair for the Georgia NAACP
28 as well as its Field Director of District Coordinators; and

29 WHEREAS, he has worked in partnership with organizations such as the Southern Christian
30 Leadership Conference (SCLC), 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Emerging 100, the ACLU, the
31 Urban League Young Professionals, and numerous other civic and social justice
32 organizations committed to improving communities; and

33 WHEREAS, his advocacy and commitment to social justice have been widely recognized,
34 including being honored by the late Congressman John Lewis at the 2016 Congressional
35 Black Caucus Conference in Washington, D.C., as well as receiving accolades from the Gate

36 City Bar Association, Jack and Jill of Stone Mountain, the Links, the NAACP, and numerous
37 other organizations; and

38 WHEREAS, it is both fitting and proper to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding
39 achievements and lifelong contributions of Attorney Gerald A. Griggs to the legal profession,
40 civil rights, and the betterment of society.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
42 the members of this body honor Attorney Gerald A. Griggs for his unwavering dedication
43 to justice, his fearless advocacy, and his profound impact on the community.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
45 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
46 Attorney Gerald A. Griggs.