

House Resolution 919

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd, and Davis of the 87th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Yasmeen Salam; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, fourth-generation agriculturalist Yasmeen Salam has established herself as an
3 exemplary agribusiness consultant with deep expertise in chain management, marketing, and
4 last-mile distribution over the past decade; and

5 WHEREAS, inspired by the legacy of George Washington Carver, she founded Carver's
6 Produce in 2013 to increase access to healthy food across Atlanta by empowering and
7 equipping farmers and food entrepreneurs with the tools and resources needed to scale their
8 businesses; and

9 WHEREAS, she is the pioneer of one of Atlanta's first mobile farmers markets at commercial
10 business sites, revolutionizing how small farmers and food startups emerge into new markets,
11 and her work has expanded the presence of Black farmers in the Black Belt region; and

12 WHEREAS, Yasmeen Salam further serves as founder of Umoja Grocer, America's first
13 smart vending machine offering 24/7 access to beloved BIPOC food brands such as Tassili's
14 Raw Reality, Pride Road, and Jayida Che; and

15 WHEREAS, her commitment to the community is evidenced by her consultant work with
16 the MSOA School Garden, her role in the Atlanta Masjid of Al Islam mobile farmers market
17 initiative and halal market redesign, and her efforts in developing citywide aggregation and
18 distribution models; and

19 WHEREAS, her influence extends globally as a consultant to municipalities and agencies,
20 including Aglanta (City of Atlanta), the City of Tuskegee, Tema (Ghana), and Abuja
21 (Nigeria); and

22 WHEREAS, Yasmeen Salam has earned many awards and honors for her outstanding work,
23 including recognition as one of ten women to receive an enterprise investment from the Sara
24 Blakely Foundation and highlights in both *Atlanta Magazine* and *Sapelo Square*; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this distinguished individual be
26 appropriately honored during this special time.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend Yasmeen Salam for her innumerable contributions on
29 behalf of the citizens of this state and beyond as well as extend best wishes for continued
30 success in her future endeavors.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
33 Yasmeen Salam.