

House Resolution 1357

By: Representative Willis of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Kenan Thompson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Atlanta native Kenan Thompson is an internationally known comedian,
3 entertainer, author, and producer; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Kenan's talents were shaped and honed in the Alliance Theatre School, the
5 Atlanta Boy's Choir, community theater, plays at Hillside International Chapel and Truth
6 Center, the Freddie Hendricks Youth Ensemble of Atlanta, and numerous school plays,
7 including at his alma mater, Tri-Cities High School; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he made his movie debut in *D2: The Mighty Ducks* in 1994, and made his TV
9 debut, also in 1994, as a cast member of Nickelodeon's sketch comedy series *All That*, which
10 led to the spinoff show *Kenan and Kel*, co-starring Kel Mitchell, in 1996; and
- 11 WHEREAS, continuing his career in sketch comedy, Kenan joined the cast of *Saturday*
12 *Night Live* (SNL) in 2003; and
- 13 WHEREAS, now, in his 23rd season on the iconic, late-night series, Kenan is the
14 longest-running cast member in the program's history; and

15 WHEREAS, from 2017 through 2021, Kenan was nominated for six Primetime Emmy
16 Awards for his work on both SNL and his NBC series Kenan, which he executive produced
17 and starred in; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2023, Kenan released his memoir, *When I Was Your Age: Life Lessons,*
19 *Funny Stories, & Questionable Parenting Advice from a Professional Clown,* and last month,
20 he released a delightful children's book called *Unfunny Bunny*; and

21 WHEREAS, Kenan has contributed innumerably to the entertainment industry, and his
22 remarkable accomplishments bring great pride the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia;
23 and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Kenan Thompson and extend the most
28 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

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
31 Kenan Thompson.