

## House Resolution 1435

By: Representatives Carter of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, Taylor of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, Hugley of the 141<sup>st</sup>, and Moore of the 91<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Judge Phinia Aten for her distinguish service and judicial leadership; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Judge Phinia Aten has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
4 vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare  
5 of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,  
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced  
8 dramatically by her superlative service as the Chief Judge of the Magistrate Court of  
9 Rockdale County; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2012, she made history as the first African American woman to become a  
11 judge in the Rockdale Judicial Circuit; and

12 WHEREAS, her judicial administration has meant increased court-to-community  
13 engagement, innovative educational opportunities, and exemplary judicial leadership  
14 demonstrated by her development and implementation of several unique court programs; and

15 WHEREAS, she consistently demonstrates a passionate commitment to best practices in  
16 court management through the promotion of cultural and intellectual public discourse on  
17 issues of justice and liberty as well as the fostering of civic pride and connection through the  
18 beautification of public space and support of trauma-informed litigation practices; and

19 WHEREAS, her use of evidence-based court tools such as family violence and behavioral  
20 health assessments as well as mental health stabilization protocols have helped the Rockdale  
21 Judicial Circuit experience an impressive reduction rate in recidivism; and

22 WHEREAS, Judge Aten is a national judicial leader; she was the inaugural president of  
23 NewRock Legal Society, a minority bar association serving Rockdale, Newton, and Walton  
24 Counties, and currently serves as District Five Director for the National Association of  
25 Women Judges; and

26 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
27 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body recognize and commend Judge Phinia Aten for her efficient,  
32 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Judge  
35 Phinia Aten.