

House Resolution 1548

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commending Dr. LaWanda Folami for her outstanding service, leadership, and
2 dedication to the citizens of Clayton County and the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. LaWanda Folami is a dedicated humanitarian, servant leader, and social
4 justice advocate whose life's work has been rooted in strengthening families and empowering
5 communities throughout Forest Park and Clayton County, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, Dr. Folami has remained a steadfast pillar of service,
7 compassion, and leadership, impacting countless lives through advocacy, mentorship, and
8 civic engagement; and

9 WHEREAS, as Vice Chair of the Atlanta Regional Commission Aging Committee, Dr.
10 Folami has championed funding, policy development, and vital resources to enhance the
11 quality of life for seniors throughout Clayton County, ensuring that aging residents are
12 supported with dignity and respect; and

13 WHEREAS, she has worked closely with the Clayton County Housing Authority as an
14 affordable housing advocate, assisting elderly residents with winterization of their homes,

15 access to transportation for medical appointments, and nutritional support through volunteer
16 service with Meals on Wheels; and

17 WHEREAS, through partnerships with senior centers, including the Forest Park Senior
18 Center, Dr. Folami has organized and supported community initiatives such as Thanksgiving
19 outreach events providing turkeys and essential holiday items to seniors in need; and

20 WHEREAS, her commitment to service extends beyond senior advocacy to supporting
21 homeless individuals, single parents, and youth as a nurturer, caregiver, and trusted
22 community resource liaison, contributing to the launch and growth of educational, charitable,
23 philanthropic, and cultural initiatives that uplift underserved populations; and

24 WHEREAS, an unwavering activist for justice and civic engagement, Dr. Folami has served
25 as an advisor to the Black Women's Roundtable "Get Out the Vote" initiative and has
26 provided guidance to former and current elected officials, demonstrating her commitment to
27 civic participation and democratic engagement; and

28 WHEREAS, her advocacy spans civil rights, equal opportunity, entrepreneurship, arts and
29 culture, education, politics, law, and athletics-reflecting her belief that strong communities
30 require involvement across every sector; and

31 WHEREAS, known for her compassion and inclusivity, Dr. Folami is committed to serving
32 individuals of every race, class, and ethnic background, guided by her powerful principle,
33 "you can't beat marching feets," a testament to her belief in persistence, unity, and collective
34 action; and

35 WHEREAS, Dr. LaWanda Folami's legacy is defined not only by her public
36 accomplishments but by the countless personal lives she has touched through encouragement,
37 advocacy, and unwavering service, continuing to serve as a vital economic, cultural, and
38 social force within the City of Forest Park, Clayton County, and the State of Georgia.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
40 the members of this body honor and commend Dr. LaWanda Folami for her exemplary
41 leadership, tireless advocacy, and decades of faithful service to the citizens of Clayton
42 County and the State of Georgia.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
45 LaWanda Folami.