

House Resolution 1550

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Burnough of the 77th, Flournoy of the 74th, Schofield of the 63rd, and Davis of the 87th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Barberette Russell for her outstanding service,
2 unwavering commitment to education, and lifelong dedication to strengthening families and
3 communities; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Barberette Russell is a proud native of Atlanta, Georgia, whose life has
5 been defined by service, leadership, and compassion; and

6 WHEREAS, she earned an undergraduate degree in Education and Special Needs from
7 Mercer University and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Strayer University,
8 equipping her with the knowledge and vision to lead and inspire; and

9 WHEREAS, with over fifteen years of experience in Early Childhood Education, Mrs.
10 Russell has nurtured and shaped countless young learners, positively impacting children and
11 families throughout her distinguished career; and

12 WHEREAS, she is the devoted mother of four accomplished adult children, including an
13 entrepreneurial driver, a United States Marine with more than fifteen years of honorable
14 service, a daughter who became a certified NASCAR technician at the remarkable age of
15 nineteen, and a son who is the proud father of four wonderful children; and

16 WHEREAS, for more than two decades, Mrs. Russell has demonstrated exceptional
17 dedication to community service across Georgia, contributing her time and talents to voter
18 registration initiatives, feeding the homeless, supporting senior citizens at Crestview Nursing
19 Home, and serving numerous schools throughout Clayton County and the greater Atlanta
20 area; and

21 WHEREAS, she is a steadfast supporter of the Breast Cancer, Autism, and Atlanta Heart
22 foundations, reflecting her compassionate commitment to advancing health and wellness
23 within the community; and

24 WHEREAS, as the devoted caregiver of her brother, Johnny Shorter, who has Down
25 syndrome, Mrs. Russell exemplifies love, patience, and advocacy, extending her commitment
26 to disability rights through her work with Clayton Adult for Disability and ARC, and earning
27 certification through Family Bridge to better serve adults with disabilities; and

28 WHEREAS, guided by her faith and inspired by 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV), "each of you should use
29 whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its
30 various forms," Mrs. Russell has faithfully lived out this scripture through her tireless efforts
31 to uplift, empower, and serve others; and

32 WHEREAS, Mrs. Russell's life stands as a shining example of servant leadership, dedication
33 to education, advocacy for individuals with disabilities, and unwavering commitment to
34 strengthening families and communities throughout Georgia.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body recognize and commend Mrs. Barberette Russell for her

37 extraordinary contributions to education, community service, and advocacy, and extend
38 sincere gratitude for her continued impact on the citizens of this great state.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mrs.
41 Barberette Russell.