

House Resolution 1695

By: Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Jones of the 60th, Evans of the 57th, Beckles of the 96th, Adeyina of the 110th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Dr. Beverly Griffin Patton for receiving the 2026 Yellow
2 Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1999, Representative Nikki T. Randall became the first African American
4 female elected to the General Assembly from middle Georgia, and over her 17 years of
5 service as a legislator, she held numerous leadership positions, including chair of the Georgia
6 Legislative Women's Caucus; and

7 WHEREAS, every year during Women's History Month, the Georgia Legislative Women's
8 Caucus recognizes outstanding women in Georgia who exemplify the leadership and
9 inspiration embodied by Representative Randall; and

10 WHEREAS, born the sixth of eight children to the late Willis E. and Corrie L. (Rice) Griffin
11 in Acworth, Georgia, Dr. Beverly Griffin Patton is mother to a biological son and
12 granddaughter, Vance Patton and Summer Reign, and a host of other sons, daughters, and
13 grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, a visionary leader, storyteller, and social justice advocate, Dr. Beverly Griffin
15 Patton has transformed the lives of thousands of individuals during her service as
16 Membership Chair and her Lifetime Membership within the NAACP; and

17 WHEREAS, through her dedication and passion for amplifying the stories of Acworth's
18 Black community members, she has served as Vice-President on Acworth's Historic
19 Preservation Committee, Member of Acworth's Development Authority, and Vice-President
20 of the Old Rosenwald Community Center as well as assisted in the writing of "A Place to
21 Remember," documenting Black life in Acworth; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Beverly Griffin Patton's passion for community service further includes her
23 work to assist Kennesaw State University in recording more than 500 pictures in their
24 archives of Black life in Acworth as well as her active engagement with the United Way,
25 Must Ministry, Barber Middle School, Georgia Democratic Party, P.L.O.G.—Political Ladies
26 of Georgia, North Cobb Senior Center in Acworth, and GirlTrek-National Organization for
27 Self Care of Black Women; and

28 WHEREAS, Dr. Beverly Griffin Patton received her Bachelor of Theology from Antioch
29 Bible College, masters in Christian Education, doctorate degree in Christian Education, and
30 PhD in Christian Education, all from Antioch College; and

31 WHEREAS, she was active in her church as a Member of Zion Hill Missionary Baptist in
32 Acworth; served as Sunday School Teacher, Superintendent, Youth Coordinator, Youth
33 Choir, Youth and Adult Usher Boards, and Church Clerk for 37 years; and was later Called
34 and licensed as an Ordained Minister; and

35 WHEREAS, she is a woman of unassuming greatness whose humble acts of kindness and
36 generosity have uplifted those in need in the Belize and Costa Rica as well as in Acworth;
37 and

38 WHEREAS, Dr. Beverly Griffin Patton has established a glowing reputation of renown
39 throughout Cobb County and Georgia for her deep personal commitment to the wellbeing
40 of her fellow citizens; and

41 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
42 extraordinary servant leader be appropriately recognized.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
44 the members of this body congratulate and commend Dr. Beverly Griffin Patton for receiving
45 the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award and extend best wishes
46 for her continued success.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
48 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
49 Beverly Griffin Patton.