

House Resolution 1680

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Adeyina of the 110th, Jackson of the 68th, and Bazemore of the 69th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Paula Whittle; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Paula Whittle, known as "the Mogul," is a serial entrepreneur, philanthropist,
3 mentor, developer, and the founder and director of Atlanta International Fashion Week; and
- 4 WHEREAS, 18 years ago, Paula made history as the first Black person and first woman to
5 direct a global fashion week; and
- 6 WHEREAS, since then, she has produced and directed over 300 shows, worked with over
7 500 designers from around the globe, and produced 150 celebrity events; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Atlanta International Fashion Week has several community development
9 initiatives and various programs that improve citizen lives, such as Beauty & A Makeover;
10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, Atlanta International Fashion Week paves the way for the fashion industry in
12 Atlanta by providing opportunities and propelling the careers of talented individuals, placing
13 Atlanta on a global scale for fashion, highlighting Atlanta's rich heritage and historic

14 buildings, as well as offering youth development and mentorship through the nonprofit,
15 Fashion Apprentice; and

16 WHEREAS, under the guiding hand of Paula Whittle, the Atlanta International Fashion
17 Week has become one of the largest fashion and entertainment events of the year; and

18 WHEREAS, Paula's significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience
19 and diplomacy, and keen sense of vision have earned her the respect and admiration of all
20 those who know her; and

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

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

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

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Paula
30 Whittle.