

House Resolution 1687

By: Representatives Williams of the 168<sup>th</sup> and DeLoach of the 167<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Valerie Barnett; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Valerie Barnett has dedicated innumerable hours of her time and energy toward  
3 mentoring the youth of this state, empowering them to reclaim their futures, reach their full  
4 potential, and become the best versions of themselves; and

5 WHEREAS, following her 21 years of honorable service as an E6 logistics officer in the  
6 United States Army, Valerie Barnett became one of the first three individuals hired by the  
7 Georgia Department of Defense Fort Stewart Youth Challenge Academy; and

8 WHEREAS, she began working at the academy as a cadre, and through her drive, inspiration,  
9 and genuine love for the youth of this state, she gradually rose to the position of lead teacher  
10 of the academy; and

11 WHEREAS, during her more than 30 years of exemplary service to the Fort Stewart Youth  
12 Challenge Academy, Valerie Barnett earned the respect and admiration of its staff, graduates,  
13 and families alike, all of whom cherish her tireless efforts and support; and

14 WHEREAS, despite her retirement in August 2022, she continues to demonstrate her  
15 unwavering commitment to youth through her ongoing volunteerism as an official mentor  
16 to multiple young cadets and graduates; and

17 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high  
18 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens, and she possesses the vast wisdom  
19 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved  
20 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

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

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Valerie Barnett for her decades of  
27 exceptional service on behalf of the youth of this state and this nation as well as extend best  
28 wishes for future health and happiness.

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