

House Resolution 1737

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Miller of the 62nd, Adeyina of the 110th, Mitchell of the 88th, Ali of the 106th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring perinatal responders as the State of Georgia expands the workforce for birth
2 responders who are committed to increasing the safety of families in the childbirth period;
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, perinatal responders are certified by CAPP, DONA, BADT and other
5 agencies; primarily work in rural and underserved areas of Georgia; and can assist families
6 in births that honor traditional and ancestral linkages; and

7 WHEREAS, perinatal responders and doulas work during labor, in the birth process, and in
8 the immediate postpartum time, offering support, encouragement, information, comfort, and
9 referrals as needed; and

10 WHEREAS, labor doulas can be found working in the community in private practice, in
11 cooperatives, as part of groups or agencies, as well as serving in various community
12 programs such as Morehouse school of medicine's center for maternal health equity; and

13 WHEREAS, doulas treat family with respect, courtesy, fairness, serving people of any age,
14 sex, race, color, creed, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin,

15 citizenship, disability, or marital status and uphold federal, state, and local laws, regulations,
16 or ordinances; and

17 WHEREAS, perinatal responders including Rhonda Barlow, Shanna Cox, Tracy Woods,
18 Eden Labbé, Alexis Pitts, Mariah Wall, Imaijah Bernardezruiz, Janiah Collier, Ally
19 Williams, Tanessa Mcrae, Shaconna Haley, Qai Hinds, Georgette Peterson, LaCresha
20 Cunningham, Amirah Peters, Asia Hinds, Diana Mendoza, Destiny Saucedo, Trinity Johnson,
21 Ziah McKinney, Kathryn Kravetz Carr, Kelle Pressley, Za'Kiesha Blanks, Shanelle Hall, Nia
22 Harper, Robert Saba, Chanel Stryker, and Clintisha Flemming play a vital role in the care of
23 infants and families in Georgia; and

24 WHEREAS, organizations such as Tassora Doula and Family Care Services , Georgia Black
25 Doula Network, The Haven @ Hebron, Wellstar Hospital, Healing InnerG, Doula of the
26 Divine, LAMIS, NCNW, LAMIS Women's Health Institute, Brown Bosom Babies, LLC,
27 Harmonia Sanctuary & Services, InnerLight Holistic Doula & Perinatal Consulting, LLC,
28 Spelman College - LAMIS Women's Health Leadership Institute, GBDN, I'm a Angel 2,
29 Healing Sacred Scars Foundation, Atlanta resident, BMMA Inc., Fruits of Labor, LAMIS
30 Women's Health Leadership Institute, Crossroads and Origins nurse-midwives, The Pink
31 Grasshopper Full Spectrum Doula & Training Services, The Power Of Love Birth Services,
32 Lamis Women's Health Leadership Institute, EcoFemme Doula, and Lavender Honey Stories
33 provide families with exceptional care though the birth and postpartum process.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body honor the dedication, hard work, and outstanding care provided by
36 perinatal responders on behalf of families in the State of Georgia.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
39 public and the press.