

House Resolution 1851

By: Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Glaize of the 67th, Cannon of the 58th, Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Sandra Lee Williams; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Sandra Lee Williams has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
3 the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
4 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Sandra serves as the President of the Atlanta North Georgia Labor Council and
6 the Deputy Political Director for the Retail Wholesale and Department Store Union; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she is on the Executive Board of the Cherokee County NAACP, where she
8 initiated a STEM Scholarship and was a recipient of the National Benjamin Hooks, Keeper
9 of the Flame Award; the Executive Board of the Cherokee County Georgia Democratic
10 Party; the Democratic Party of Georgia; and is a member of the Democratic National
11 Committee; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she also sits on the Boards of WorkSource Atlanta, WorkSource Cobb, Georgia
13 Alliance for Progress, and the transportation oversight committees for the City of Atlanta and
14 the State NAACP; and

15 WHEREAS, Sandra's significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience
16 and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state
17 have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

18 WHEREAS, Sandra has served with honor and distinction as a human resource executive for
19 both private and public entities, and her vision and unyielding commitment to advocating for
20 working families, criminal justice reform, and fair and equitable access to opportunities for
21 minorities and women in the workforce have set the standard for excellence in leadership and
22 public service; and

23 WHEREAS, a champion for immigrant rights, Sandra has coordinated immigration clinics
24 with her union the RWDSU/UFCW that provided pro bono legal assistance and stipends to
25 assist with citizenship application fees; and

26 WHEREAS, recognizing the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sandra worked
27 with several trade unions to develop a training program to get workers certified on forklift
28 operations and OSHA 10 hour Safety training, partnered with the Atlanta North Georgia
29 Labor Council to establish a food distribution program in conjunction with local food
30 pantries, and organized health fairs and screenings to address health disparities in the
31 community; and

32 WHEREAS, in response to the indifference experienced by workers in Georgia, Sandra
33 initiated job fairs across the state in conjunction with the Georgia AFL CIO, the Solicitor
34 General Office of Fulton County, and various labor councils and community organizations
35 such as the NAACP, Georgia Stand Up, and the Urban League of Greater Atlanta; and

36 WHEREAS, she is currently working with local unions to create a Worker Bill of Rights as
37 well as planning the first black worker center in Georgia with several community and labor
38 affiliates; and

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

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
42 the members of this body recognize and commend Sandra Lee Williams for her efficient,
43 effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere
44 best wishes for continued health and happiness.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
46 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
47 Sandra Lee Williams.