

House Resolution 1974

By: Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, and Taylor of the 92nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Arlecia Battle; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Arlecia Battle has rendered 23 years of dedicated and exemplary service
3 to Clayton County Public Schools, most recently serving as executive assistant to
4 Superintendent Anthony W. Smith; and
- 5 WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished career, Mrs. Battle has served with excellence in
6 a variety of roles, including volunteer, secretary, administrative assistant, support specialist,
7 and executive assistant; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Battle began her journey as a volunteer at North Clayton High School,
9 where her commitment and professionalism were recognized by Principal Clarence
10 Burnough, who encouraged her to pursue a career with the district; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Battle achieved a historic milestone as the first Black female to serve as
12 an assistant to the superintendent, demonstrating both her leadership and her perseverance;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, she played an integral role in supporting key district initiatives, including
15 graduation ceremonies, and witnessed the continued growth and increasing diversity of
16 Clayton County Public Schools; and

17 WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding service and commitment to excellence, Mrs.
18 Battle was named Employee of the Year in 2013; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Battle has demonstrated extraordinary resilience throughout her life and
20 career, overcoming personal and professional challenges, including experiences of unfair
21 treatment and a courageous battle with cancer, while maintaining unwavering
22 professionalism and grace; and

23 WHEREAS, she has been a devoted wife to her husband, Ronald, for 46 years; a proud
24 mother of two sons, who are graduates of Clayton County Public Schools; and a loving
25 grandmother, a role she considers among her greatest blessings; and

26 WHEREAS, Mrs. Battle has remained grounded in her faith and looks forward to continuing
27 her service through her church and spending cherished time with her granddaughter in
28 retirement; and

29 WHEREAS, her legacy is one of faithful service, quiet strength, historic achievement, and
30 lasting impact on all who have had the privilege of working alongside her.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body recognize and commend Mrs. Arlecia Battle for her 23 years of
33 outstanding service to Clayton County Public Schools and extend sincere appreciation and
34 best wishes for continued health, happiness, and fulfillment in her retirement.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mrs.
37 Arlecia Battle.