

## House Resolution 1221

By: Representatives Burnough of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>, Cannon of the 58<sup>th</sup>, Beverly of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, and Carpenter of the 4<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Maria Boynton and recognizing March 7, 2024, as  
2 Women in Radio Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Maria Boynton is a distinguished radio morning news anchor with V103  
4 and WAOK radio as well as host of Atlanta Up Close, and she has been a champion and  
5 advocate of empowerment for marginalized communities, families, and individuals through  
6 a plethora of professional and civic engagement involvements; and

7 WHEREAS, she is a recipient of the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award which honors  
8 those in our nation who exhibit outstanding character, work ethic, and dedication to their  
9 communities; and

10 WHEREAS, she is a member of the Georgia Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame and  
11 received the 2021 Legacy Visionary Award by the Atlanta Chapter of the National  
12 Association for Multi-Ethnicity in Communications, has been named among Atlanta's Top  
13 100 Black Women of Influence by the Atlanta Business League, and was honored as an  
14 International Trailblazer; and

15 WHEREAS, she has been honored many times throughout her journalistic career, including  
16 two Peabody Awards; two DuPont Awards for collaborative efforts; various Associated Press  
17 awards; and an Atlanta Association of Black Journalists Award; and

18 WHEREAS, she is a proud alumna of Albany State University where she graduated with a  
19 Bachelor of Arts in speech and theater and continues her involvement today as a member of  
20 the board of trustees, and she later earned a Doctor of Philosophy and human letters degree  
21 from Trinity International University; and

22 WHEREAS, she is the news brand manager and public affairs director for Audacy Atlanta,  
23 formerly Entercom and CBS Radio Atlanta, and, in that role, supervises the news and traffic  
24 reporters, and she is also the morning news anchor for V103 and WAOK and the host of the  
25 public affairs program "Atlanta Up Close with Dr. Maria Boynton" which is broadcast and  
26 streamed on V103, WAOK, Star 94.1, and 92.9 The Game; and

27 WHEREAS, she has dedicated numerous hours to community service, along with advocating  
28 for financial assistance for students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and is  
29 also a member of the National Kidney Foundation Atlanta Advisory Board; and

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Maria Boynton, recognize March 7,  
34 2024, as Women in Radio Day at the state capitol, and thank her for her efforts of behalf of  
35 her community and state.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.  
38 Maria Boynton.