House Resolution 1285

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Scott of the 76th, Jones of the 53rd, Burnough of the 77th, Kendrick of the 93rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sherryl Calliste-Thegg on the occasion of Caribbean

2 American Day; and for other purposes.

- WHEREAS, Sherryl Calliste-Thegg was born in Grenada, West Indies, and migrated to the
 United States in 1970 with her family; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Calliste-Thegg lived in Brooklyn, New York, for the majority of her life,

6 attending Winthrop Junior High School, South Shore High School, New York City Technical

7 College, and Pace University; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1987, Mrs. Calliste-Thegg moved to Atlanta, Georgia, with her husband

9 Richmond Thegg, to whom she has been married for over 30 years, and her daughter

10 Sherrich Monsher Thegg; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Thegg began a screen-printing business, which performed work for the

12 Summer Olympic Games in Georgia, and Mrs. Calliste-Thegg established the first black

13 owned business in the Village of Stone Mountain called Stone Mountain Sport Stuff; and

- 14 WHEREAS, in 1996 together with Jennifer Gairy and Judith Quarles, she formed a cultural
- 15 group called "A Touch of Spice," which performed across the state before transitioning into
- 16 the Grenada Atlanta Association in 2004; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Calliste-Thegg became involved in many of the different Caribbean
- 18 associations and organizations, building and fostering relationships with TNTGA (Trinidad
- 19 & Tobago Association of Ga), GAOG (Guyana Association of GA), AJA (Atlanta Jamaica
- 20 Association), St. Lucia Association of GA, DACA, United Bajans, and others; and

- 21 WHEREAS, in 1998, Mrs. Calliste-Thegg became an integral part of Caribbean Jam Radio
- 22 with hosts Steve London and Wayne DeJammer Bynoe, as well as Jillian Tucker, Tony
- 23 Phillip, Meive Bain Phillip, Ian Charles, and Carolyn Wilson; and
- 24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Calliste-Thegg works for one of the top reinsurance companies in the
- 25 world as a claims examiner within the living benefits department where she is responsible
- 26 for disability and long-term care claims; and
- 27 WHEREAS, Mrs. Calliste-Thegg is an active member and media ministry leader at Bethel
- 28 Family Church in Decatur, Georgia, and serves as the Secretary for the Caribbean Council
- 29 of Presidents of Georgia.
- 30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- $31 \quad the members of this body recognize Sherryl Calliste-Thegg on Caribbean American Day and$
- 32 commend her many contributions to the State of Georgia and the United States.
- 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
- 35 Sheryl Calliste-Thegg.