

House Resolution 1339

By: Representative Anulewicz of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Daneea Badio-McCray for her exceptional leadership and her
2 selfless and unwavering commitment to her community; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Daneea Badio-McCray has worked for the Marietta Police Department since
4 2013 and currently serves as the executive director of the Marietta Police Athletic League
5 (PAL), an organization that strives to ensure a positive interaction between law enforcement
6 and youth through sports, education, and recreation; and

7 WHEREAS, as a devoted community programs coordinator, Daneea Badio-McCray
8 continues to work with Marietta's Franklin Gateway community and serves as the chair of
9 the board of directors of Youth Empowerment through Learning, Leading, and Serving
10 (YELLS), a youth development organization focused on building servant leaders amongst
11 Franklin Gateway youth; and

12 WHEREAS, prior to 2013, she served as the Franklin Road Weed and Seed site coordinator,
13 working with more than 12,000 area residents, local businesses, area schools, scores of
14 community partners, multiple levels of government, numerous law enforcement partners, and
15 the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, under Daneea Badio-McCray's leadership, Weed and Seed efforts resulted in
17 \$1.4 million of direct funding, plus more than \$10 million in leveraged funding obtained to
18 support community revitalization efforts throughout the Franklin Gateway corridor; and

19 WHEREAS, Daneea Badio-McCray's service, with support from Weed and Seed, has
20 resulted in significant reductions in crime; the implementation of needed programs and
21 services; access to valuable resources; fun, educational, and impactful community events;
22 and overall community revitalization from the inside out; and

23 WHEREAS, she is an essential member of the WorkSource Cobb Development Board,
24 where she serves as chair of the Youth Committee and assists in facilitating connections and
25 collaborations amongst organizations throughout Cobb County that serve youths and young
26 adults; and

27 WHEREAS, Daneea Badio-McCray continues the legacy of her mother, Marquerite Louise
28 King, by serving as the program director of Single Parent Connection, Inc., a nonprofit
29 organization founded by the late Marquerite Louise King, which has achieved its mission of
30 empowering single parents by providing them with educational programs focused on
31 personal development, positive parenting, financial literacy, and enhanced life skills; and

32 WHEREAS, in addition to her work in the community, Daneea Badio-McCray is an actress,
33 poet, author, and inspirational speaker, and in 2006, she won the Learning Channel's reality
34 TV speaking competition, "The Messengers," and was crowned America's next great
35 inspirational speaker; and

36 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the achievements of this exemplary
37 Georgian be appropriately recognized.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body recognize and commend Daneea Badio-McCray for her exceptional
40 leadership and her selfless and unwavering commitment to her community.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
43 Daneea Badio-McCray.