

## House Resolution 1366

By: Representatives Burnough of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Barnes of the 86<sup>th</sup>, and Jackson of the 165<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, Gwen Redding was born in Washington, D.C.; moved Long Branch, New  
4 Jersey, as a child; then, upon graduating from high school, moved back to Washington, D.C.,  
5 to attend the University of the District of Columbia earning a degree in mass communications  
6 and print journalism; and

7 WHEREAS, her first radio job began in 1980 at the university's student operated station,  
8 WDCU, where she wrote copy, performed production assistant duties, made voice overs and  
9 filled in for other on-air talents; and

10 WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, she made the transition to the major station at UDC, 90.1 FM  
11 WDCU, that had a jazz format which became her love at first listen for she got to play music  
12 from all the great jazz artists; and

13 WHEREAS, she also hosted *Jazz Vision*, a jazz talk show on UDC's television station, and  
14 on many occasions she lent her hand, voice, and influence to neighboring public radio station  
15 WPFW to assist in their biannual fund-raising campaigns; and

16 WHEREAS, after giving her life to public radio broadcasting for 20 years, she decided to  
17 switch to different endeavors and moved to Atlanta, Georgia, in 2001 where she attended  
18 Georgia Medical to learn about nursing and became an aphaeresis technician with the  
19 American Red Cross and later became a medical assistant with a prominent local private  
20 practice; and

21 WHEREAS, although working in a new town in a new profession, the jazz bug was still in  
22 her as she began to perform small singing gigs around Atlanta when one day in 2006, friend  
23 and mentor jazz saxophonist George B. Johnson told her about an announcer job for the *Jazz*  
24 *at Sundown Show* on WCLK; and

25 WHEREAS, the rest has become history as "Rivablue" was officially launched in 2006, and  
26 she took the reins to host first the *Jazz at Sundown Show* and then *Midday Jazz* on WCLK,  
27 and she has become one of the strongest and most popular announcers in Atlanta; and

28 WHEREAS, she also offers innumerable hours of her time and talents to community  
29 organizations such as Students Without Mothers; Unity Jazz Foundation which provides  
30 instruments for students via scholarships; Atlanta Community Food Bank, Veterans of  
31 Foreign Wars, and Cliftdale United Methodist Church; and

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

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

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Gwen  
40 Redding.