

House Resolution 1380

By: Representatives Schofield of the 60th, Scott of the 76th, Hutchinson of the 107th, and Thomas of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Shirley Williams Nichols for receiving the 2020 Yellow
2 Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1999, Representative Nikki T. Randall became the first African American
4 female elected to the General Assembly from middle Georgia, and over her 17 years of
5 service as a legislator, she held numerous leadership positions, including chair of the Georgia
6 Legislative Women's Caucus; and

7 WHEREAS, every year during Women's History Month, the Georgia Legislative Women's
8 Caucus recognizes outstanding women in Georgia who exemplify the leadership and
9 inspiration embodied by Representative Randall; and

10 WHEREAS, Shirley Williams Nichols utilized the Tuition Refund Program offered by her
11 former employers, Citizens & Southern National Bank and Penske Truck Leasing, to fully
12 finance an associate's degree in business administration from DeKalb Junior College and a
13 bachelor's degree in applied management from Clayton State University; and

14 WHEREAS, as a well-respected professional, Shirley was treasurer of the Atlanta chapter
15 of Banking Women and president of the National Association of Credit & Financial
16 Management Women's Division; and

17 WHEREAS, she found her special niche in public service in 1984 when she was introduced
18 to the Atlanta City Neighborhood Planning Units due to her neighborhood being under threat
19 of destruction by an additional landfill; Shirley served as secretary and zoning chair and is
20 currently the vice chair for the organization; and

21 WHEREAS, Shirley has completed over 25 projects designed to improve the quality of life
22 in her community and southeast Atlanta through the South River Gardens Community

23 Association, the Fulton County F.R.E.S.H Board, and the Lakewood Amphitheater
24 Community Finance Committee; and

25 WHEREAS, she has received numerous commendations, including the Community
26 Foundation Phoenix Award, the Arthur Beaver Leadership Award, the City Guiding Light
27 Award, and the ABAB Neighborhoods Matter Award; and

28 WHEREAS, Shirley has lived in the South River Gardens neighborhood for 44 years and is
29 a member of Spirit and Truth Sanctuary, where she serves as a deaconess; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
31 extraordinary servant leader be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body congratulate and commend Shirley Williams Nichols for receiving
34 the 2020 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award and extend best wishes for
35 her continued success.

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
38 Shirley Williams Nichols.