

House Resolution 1426

By: Representatives Dreyer of the 59th and Boddie of the 62nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Lori Kirby for her outstanding service to the Jefferson Park
2 Neighbors Association in East Point, Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lori Kirby's deep commitment to promoting a sense of community led her to
4 serve as president of the Jefferson Park Neighbors Association for two years from
5 2016-2017; and

6 WHEREAS, the Jefferson Park Neighbors Association is a nonprofit organization that
7 obtains all funds from neighbors' donations and fundraising events and is dedicated to
8 creating events that bring community members together; and

9 WHEREAS, the Jefferson Park Neighbors Association holds an annual yard sale that brings
10 people from across Atlanta to Jefferson Park, and Lost-N-Found Youth, a nonprofit
11 organization that runs a thrift store and uses proceeds to support the LGBTQ community,
12 specifically kids who were disowned or kicked out of their homes when they came out to
13 their parents, is then invited to collect items that did not sell; and

14 WHEREAS, the Jefferson Park Neighbors Association promotes civic engagement by
15 holding monthly meetings in which all neighbors are invited to learn what is happening
16 within the neighborhood and in the Tri-Cities area from guest speakers such as city council
17 members, the city manager, and the Fort Mac Renovation Committee; the association also
18 hosts candidate forums to which all residents of East Point are invited to attend, meet
19 candidates, and get involved in local and state politics; and

20 WHEREAS, the Jefferson Park Neighbors Association organizes social events designed to
21 help residents get to know each other, such as progressive dinners, where neighbors
22 volunteer to open their homes as one of four houses that night, and its annual block party;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, during Lori's tenure as president, the Jefferson Park Neighbors Association
25 organized two Clean Up Jefferson Park Days, in partnership with other neighborhoods in
26 East Point, and built on a welcome basket program for new residents; and

27 WHEREAS, Lori organized a candlelight vigil following the Pulse nightclub shooting to
28 celebrate the lives of those lost and support grieving community members; this vigil featured
29 many speakers, including the president of Atlanta Pride, the founder of Lost-N-Found Youth,
30 the board chairperson of Lost-N-Found Youth, and two former presidents of the Atlanta Gay
31 & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce; and

32 WHEREAS, the Jefferson Park Neighbors Association is proud to help neighbors when they
33 are in need, whether it be with power bills, mortgages, or Christmas gifts; and

34 WHEREAS, Lori managed and directed all of the association's programs and initiatives for
35 a community of over 1,100 homes with a board consisting of only four members and herself
36 by working hard to raise the funds needed to continue supporting the community; and

37 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the effort, toil, and vital importance of
38 this extraordinary Georgian's contributions to the Jefferson Park community be appropriately
39 recognized.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
41 the members of this body recognize and commend Lori Kirby for her outstanding service to
42 Jefferson Park and East Point as president of the Jefferson Park Neighbors Association and
43 extend sincere best wishes for her continued success.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
45 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
46 public and the press.