

## House Resolution 1445

By: Representative Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Dr. Vernita E. Byrd for receiving the 2020 Yellow Rose  
2 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, Dr. Vernita E. Byrd is a professional school counselor at Ralph J. Bunche  
11 Middle School and has been an advocate for children in Atlanta Public Schools for more than  
12 30 years; and

13 WHEREAS, she specializes in preparing students for academic success by providing a  
14 school counseling program that promotes academic, personal, emotional, and social growth,  
15 community service, and cultural needs of all students as they prepare to be college and career  
16 ready; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Byrd has earned distinction and numerous awards as a result of her  
18 dedication to the well-being of young people in this state, including the 2015 Counselor of  
19 the Year Award by the National School Counselor Association and the 2020 College Career  
20 Motivation Week Spirit Award; and

21 WHEREAS, she further demonstrates commitment to her community as a member of  
22 numerous organizations, including the National Alliance for Black School Educators, the  
23 National Council of Negro Women, and the NAACP; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Byrd has established a glowing reputation of renown throughout Georgia  
25 for her efforts to improve the lives of young people; and

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body congratulate and commend Dr. Vernita E. Byrd for receiving the  
30 2020 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award and extend best wishes for her  
31 continued success.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.  
34 Vernita E. Byrd.