

House Resolution 1499

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Hugley of the 136th, Dukes of the 154th, Stephenson of the 90th, and McClain of the 100th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Maria Boynton on her outstanding service as a journalist; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Maria Boynton has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
4 vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare
5 of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by her superlative coverage of the Georgia General Assembly and presidential
9 campaigns for 20 years and by her service as the morning news anchor for Entercom Radio
10 Atlanta; and

11 WHEREAS, Maria's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable
12 patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the
13 citizens of this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and
14 associates; and

15 WHEREAS, she began her illustrious career in Albany, Georgia, as a radio news anchor and
16 through the years collected various Associated Press awards in Georgia, New Jersey, and
17 Pennsylvania and was recently honored with a 2018 International Trailblazer Award; and

18 WHEREAS, Maria currently serves with honor and distinction as morning news anchor for
19 radio stations V-103 and WAOK and previously served as supervising producer,
20 coordinating producer, and news anchor at CNN Radio Network for more than a decade; and

21 WHEREAS, she has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including some
22 of the biggest honors in her field, two Peabody Awards and two Dupont Awards, for her
23 collaborative efforts; and

24 WHEREAS, Maria's vision and unyielding commitment to community service and her
25 advocacy of financial assistance for students at historically black colleges and universities
26 have set the standard for public service; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize and commend Maria Boynton for her efficient, effective,
31 unselfish, and dedicated service as a journalist and extend the most sincere best wishes for
32 continued health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
35 Maria Boynton.