

House Resolution 155

By: Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Hugley of the 141st, Douglas of the 78th, Neal of the 79th, and Jackson of the 128th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Teresa Annet Bryant Watkins on her outstanding public
2 service; and for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, she began her career at the Office of the Clayton County Board of
7 Commissioners on February 3, 1987, after earning her bachelor's degree in criminal justice
8 from Morris Brown College; and

9 WHEREAS, Teresa was appointed by Sheriff D. Lemacks as the first African American
10 female serving in the capacity of deputy sheriff in February 1987; and

11 WHEREAS, shortly after her employment with the Office of the Sheriff, she attended and
12 graduated from the Clayton County Police Academy as a certified Georgia peace officer;
13 subsequently, she received training as a crime scene technician and worked in this position
14 until she transferred to the Clayton County Juvenile Court; and

15 WHEREAS, Teresa worked at the court as an intake officer, probation officer, and trained
16 mediator who handled juvenile delinquent cases; she worked at the court for 15 years under
17 the guidance of chief judges Martha K. Glaze, Karl Van Banke, and Tracy Graham Lawson;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, among the many awards Teresa has received during her years of service, she
20 is most proud of the distinguished Community Service Award presented by President Barack
21 Obama in 2017; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize and commend Teresa Annet Bryant Watkins for her
26 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to the State of Georgia; congratulate her
27 upon the grand occasion of her retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for
28 continued health and happiness.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
31 Teresa Annet Bryant Watkins.