

House Resolution 1552

By: Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Alexander of the 66th, Hugley of the 141st, Scott of the 76th, and Bell of the 75th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Senator Valencia Seay; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Senator Valencia Seay has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
3 her crucial role in the Georgia Senate; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a Democrat who represents Senate District 34, Senator Seay is a prominent
5 member of the Appropriations, Ethics, Government Oversight, Public Safety, and Science
6 and Technology Committees and is also an ex officio member of the Transportation
7 Committee; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a woman who understands the power of an education, she attended DeKalb
9 College, Clayton State University, and the Flemming Fellows Leadership Institute, and she
10 also completed the 2009 and 2011 Legislative Health Policy Certificate Program from
11 Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies; and
- 12 WHEREAS, retired from a 22-year career in banking, she is president and CEO of Seay &
13 Associates; and

14 WHEREAS, she has devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the
15 betterment of her community and state, serving on the Clayton County Board of Education
16 from 1993 to 2000, in the Georgia House of Representatives from 2001 to 2002, and in the
17 Georgia Senate since 2003; and

18 WHEREAS, she was the first elected African American in each of her elected positions; and

19 WHEREAS, she is admired by her colleagues, associates, and constituents for her close
20 involvement with various civic groups, including the NAACP, the National Council of Negro
21 Women, the Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials, the National Organization of
22 Women Legislators, Women in Government, the Women's Legislative Caucus, and the
23 Georgia Legislative Black Caucus; and

24 WHEREAS, her numerous accolades include being honored by the Georgia Historical
25 Records Advisory Council for her Legislative Advocacy for establishing an agricultural
26 museum and receiving the 2015 We Are Clayton Living Legend Award and the 2015 Alpha
27 Kappa Alpha Capitol Legislator of the Year Award; and

28 WHEREAS, Senator Seay is united in love and marriage to Walter Seay, and the couple is
29 blessed with two remarkable children and four beloved grandchildren; and

30 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and biding faith, she and her entire family are members of
31 Antioch Baptist Church North; and

32 WHEREAS, she has served with honor and distinction, and her vision and unyielding
33 commitment will be sorely missed upon the occasion of her retirement; and

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

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize and commend Senator Valencia Seay for her efficient,
38 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate her
39 upon the grand occasion of her retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for
40 continued health and happiness.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
43 Senator Valencia Seay.