

## House Resolution 1698

By: Representatives Trammell of the 132<sup>nd</sup>, Boddie of the 62<sup>nd</sup>, Beverly of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, Kendrick of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, Thomas of the 39<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Representative Pat Gardner on her outstanding public service;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Representative Pat Gardner 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, Representative Gardner was first elected to the Georgia House of  
7 Representatives in 2001, and she currently serves on the Appropriations Subcommittee on  
8 Health and on the Ethics, Higher Education, Natural Resources & Environment, and  
9 Transportation committees; and

10 WHEREAS, an advocate for universal access to health care, Representative Gardner has  
11 initiated efforts to make the current Medicaid system available to every Georgia family; and

12 WHEREAS, a long-time advocate for integration of mental health into the health care  
13 system, she recently chaired a study committee of the Fulton Delegation, which examined  
14 the coordination of mental health care in Fulton County; and

15 WHEREAS, she has received commendations from the Georgia Conservation Voters, the  
16 Georgia Network of Mental Health Consumers, the National Mental Health Association, the  
17 Breast Cancer Coalition, All About Developmental Disabilities, and the National Alliance  
18 for the Mentally Ill; and

19 WHEREAS, as further testament to her tireless advocacy for mental health services,  
20 Representative Gardner has served as the executive director of the Georgia Psychological  
21 Association for nearly 30 years and as president of the American Psychological Association's  
22 Council of State Executives; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Gardner's significant organizational and leadership talents,  
24 remarkable patience and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the  
25 citizens of this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and  
26 associates; and

27 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
28 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

29 WHEREAS, Representative Gardner has served with honor and distinction with the Georgia  
30 House of Representatives, and she will be sorely missed upon the occasion of her retirement;  
31 and

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

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

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
41 Representative Pat Gardner.