

House Resolution 193

By: Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Miller of the 62nd, Romman of the 97th, Thomas of the 65th, Naghise of the 68th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Yvonne T. Brooks; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, Yvonne T. Brooks began her work with special
3 needs children in 1988 as part of the City of St. Louis Juvenile Detention Center, joining
4 AFSCME Local 410 and becoming a union steward within her first six months of
5 employment; and

6 WHEREAS, her passion for activism was ignited when she and her fellow employees were
7 denied the same bonuses given to all other city employees who worked during the floods,
8 leading her to spearhead efforts to build solidarity within the center in response; and

9 WHEREAS, as a result of her own hard work and dedication, Yvonne rose through the ranks
10 of AFSCME, serving as president and staff representative of AFSCME Local 410, staff
11 representative of AFSCME Council 31, and area field service director of AFSCME
12 International; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2011, she was elected secretary-treasurer of the Georgia AFL-CIO, where
14 she has worked to fight anti-worker legislation and help elect pro-union legislators, and she
15 now serves as the organization's first African American woman president; and

16 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high
17 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, a resident of Stone Mountain, Georgia, she is a person of magnanimous
19 strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, a kind and generous person, Yvonne brings joy and happiness to her family and
22 to the many friends and neighbors who have the great pleasure of knowing her; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
24 extraordinary individual be appropriately honored and recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Yvonne T. Brooks for her many
27 wonderful contributions on behalf of the citizens of Georgia and extend best wishes for
28 future success and happiness.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Yvonne T. Brooks has been sworn in as the first woman
30 and African American president of the Georgia AFL-CIO, and we are honoring President
31 Yvonne T. Brooks for her presidential leadership in the Georgia AFL-CIO.

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
34 Yvonne T. Brooks.