

House Resolution 297

By: Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Jones of the 53rd, Cannon of the 58th, Schofield of the 60th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ricci deForest; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ricci deForest is the founder, curator, and artistic director of Atlanta's esteemed
3 Madame C.J. Walker Beauty Shoppe Museum, a museum dedicated to the preservation of
4 Madame C.J. Walker's renowned beauty product development legacy; and

5 WHEREAS, the Madame Museum is located immediately below the headquarters of the
6 historic WERD radio station, which at the time of its founding stood as the first African
7 American owned and operated radio station in North America, and Ricci dedicates
8 significant energy and resources to the promotion of its sounds and history; and

9 WHEREAS, Ricci has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
10 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
11 dramatically by his superlative efforts to educate the public about Atlanta's rich and dynamic
12 history; and

13 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience and
14 diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity have earned him the respect and admiration
15 of his colleagues and associates; and

16 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this
17 extraordinary artistic director and his phenomenal museum be appropriately recognized.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body recognize and commend Ricci deForest and the superb Madame
20 C.J. Walker Beauty Shoppe Museum and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued
21 growth and success.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
24 Ricci deForest.