

House Resolution 298

By: Representative Dreyer of the 59th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Focused Community Strategies; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Focused Community Strategies has been dedicated to aiding underserved
3 neighborhoods in Atlanta, including Grant Park, Ormewood Park, Summerhill, East Lake,
4 and now Historic South Atlanta, for 40 years; and
- 5 WHEREAS, FCS's unique approach to aiding communities in need involves implementing
6 comprehensive, neighborhood-focused strategies instead of individual programs; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the work of FCS is concentrated on facilitating neighborhood engagement,
8 mixed-income housing, economic development, and training and consulting; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the core values of FCS are the dignity and significance of every person, the
10 empowerment of others to do for themselves, and the intentional neighboring that creates
11 community among diverse residents; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in 2000, FCS's dedication was recognized by the South Atlanta Civic League,
13 and it requested that FCS bring its community development model to Historic South Atlanta,
14 and since then, FCS has restored over 140 homes, attracting numerous families and creating
15 a wholesome, viable, self-sustaining mixed-income neighborhood; and
- 16 WHEREAS, FCS also identified needs for a local grocery store, community center, and job
17 hub in Historic South Atlanta, leading it to open Carver Neighborhood Market, Community
18 Grounds Café, and South Atlanta Bike Shop, all of which provide local jobs and a safe space
19 for the community to gather.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body recognize and commend Focused Community Strategies for its
22 outstanding dedication to helping underserved neighborhoods in Atlanta.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
25 Focused Community Strategies.