

House Resolution 384

By: Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Mitchell of the 106th, Neal of the 74th, Holland of the 54th, and Evans of the 83rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Tamara Carrera for receiving the 2021 Yellow Rose Nikki
2 T. Randall Servant Leader Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1999, Representative Nikki T. Randall became the first African American
4 female elected to the General Assembly from middle Georgia, and over her 17 years of
5 service as a legislator, she held numerous leadership positions, including chair of the Georgia
6 Legislative Women's Caucus; and

7 WHEREAS, every year during Women's History Month, the Georgia Legislative Women's
8 Caucus recognizes outstanding women in Georgia who exemplify the leadership and
9 inspiration embodied by Representative Randall; and

10 WHEREAS, Tamara Carrera began as a volunteer for Community Assistance Center (CAC)
11 in 1992 and was promoted and appointed as the chief executive officer of CAC in 1997. She
12 has led CAC to become a model of community partnership in preventing homelessness,
13 reducing hunger, and promoting self-sufficiency for those in need; and

14 WHEREAS, throughout her career, she has dutifully served on several boards, including
15 most recently the Horizons Enrichment Program, Holy Innocents Episcopal School,
16 Leadership Sandy Springs, Sandy Springs Education Force, and Second Helpings; and

17 WHEREAS, she has been recognized by industry leaders to be a visionary and strategic
18 thinker who leads by example to establish organizational excellence and implement
19 meaningful programs that deliver consistent and measurable outcomes. She is known as a
20 bridge builder and as someone who develops strategic alliances, developing effective and
21 efficient programs. She also is widely praised for her mentorship of fellow nonprofit leaders;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, because of CAC's expansion under Tamara's leadership, she and her team were
24 able to spring into action when the COVID-19 pandemic emerged. CAC has focused on
25 serving families and individuals who have been hit the hardest by loss of income due to the
26 economic crisis. In 2020, the CAC gave more than \$2 million in emergency financial
27 assistance for rent and utilities, helping 1,348 families, a 598 percent increase from 2019.
28 CAC gave food to 6,452 individuals from 2,215 households, a 44 percent increase from
29 2019. And they distributed 54,659 lunches to children and delivered weekly food to senior
30 citizens and medically fragile or home-bound individuals; and

31 WHEREAS, in late 2020, Tamara announced she would be retiring from her position at CAC
32 in early 2021. Tamara's contributions to the Sandy Springs community are immeasurable,
33 and all will feel her absence.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body congratulate and commend Tamara Carrera for receiving the 2021

36 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award and extend best wishes for her
37 continued success and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
40 Tamara Carrera.