

## House Resolution 438

By: Representatives Waites of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, and Cannon of the 58<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dawn Dickerson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dawn Dickerson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
3 vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare  
4 of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,  
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced  
7 dramatically by her superlative service with Financially Fit for the Future, Inc., a company  
8 she founded in 2009 whose mission is to transform individuals, families, and whole  
9 communities through financial literacy education; and

10 WHEREAS, through her company's offering of self-paced workbooks and tailored  
11 workshops, she has interacted with every pocket of poverty in metro Atlanta to ensure that  
12 students, adult learners, government benefit recipients, and returning citizens are able to  
13 achieve and maintain self-sufficiency; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2015, Dawn published her first book, *First Class Resources, Standby*  
15 *Education*, to raise awareness about local community stakeholders who must work together  
16 to overcome the absence of financial literacy education in high school and college  
17 classrooms; and

18 WHEREAS, her entire community approach to improve financial resiliency within  
19 communities throughout Georgia has afforded her the opportunity to work with and be  
20 recognized by public and private sector stakeholders such as Ernst & Young, East Point  
21 Housing Authority, and the Georgia Department of Corrections; and

22 WHEREAS, beyond her advocacy and work in the area of financial literacy, Dawn also  
23 possesses and actively uses her skill set as an emergency manager with the Federal

24 Emergency Management Agency, where she is trained to provide functional support to any  
25 part of a disaster, whether natural or man-made, and her disaster response experience  
26 includes the Avian Bird Flu, Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Ida, and many others; and

27 WHEREAS, in the spirit of her passion for service to others, she also became a living organ  
28 donor in 2010 when she donated her kidney to a young lady whose story moved her to take  
29 action; and

30 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high  
31 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens, and she possesses the vast wisdom  
32 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved  
33 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

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

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
37 the members of this body recognize and commend Dawn Dickerson for her efficient,  
38 effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere  
39 best wishes for continued health and happiness.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dawn  
42 Dickerson.