

House Resolution 60EX

By: Representatives Rich of the 97th, Taylor of the 173rd, Efstoration of the 104th, Dollar of the 45th, Smith of the 70th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Gina Wright and the staff of the Georgia General Assembly Legislative and
2 Congressional Reapportionment Office; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Gina Wright is the Executive Director, Tonya Cooper is the Office Manager,
4 Brian Knight is the Local Redistricting Coordinator, Gabe Mesriah is the Redistricting
5 Services Specialist, Dan O'Connor is the Redistricting Data Specialist, Rob Strangia is the
6 GIS Manager, and Maggie Wigton is the Redistricting Services Specialist of the Legislative
7 and Congressional Reapportionment Office, which provides essential services to the
8 operations of the General Assembly; and

9 WHEREAS, Gina Wright and the staff of this office are responsible for the monumental task
10 of providing the technical assistance necessary for the preparation of the legislative and
11 congressional reapportionment bills and local bills reapportioning county commissioners,
12 school boards, and municipal governing authorities; and

13 WHEREAS, the preparation of these bills and related documents requires an in-depth
14 knowledge and understanding of the reapportionment process, specialized software, and the
15 geography of the State of Georgia, and requires long and demanding hours of meticulous
16 work with computerized configurations and statistics accumulation and interpretation; and

17 WHEREAS, Gina Wright and the staff of this office have provided invaluable services to the
18 House Legislative & Congressional Reapportionment Committee and the Senate
19 Reapportionment & Redistricting Committee, as well as to the individual members thereof;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Gina Wright and members of her team have traveled and attended
22 reapportionment and redistricting meetings throughout the state and provided critical
23 expertise and guidance to aid the aforementioned committees and their members in the
24 challenging, time-sensitive, and exacting work of establishing state and congressional district
25 maps following the U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 decennial census; and

26 WHEREAS, Gina Wright, along with her team of highly capable and committed public
27 servants, have worked countless hours, including at night and on weekends, to provide timely
28 and excellent services even after population information and demographic details from the
29 U.S. Census Bureau were significantly delayed; and

30 WHEREAS, all the members of this body owe Gina Wright and the staff of the Georgia
31 General Assembly Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office an unpayable debt
32 of gratitude for their dedication, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that their efforts be
33 recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body commend the service, leadership, patience, expertise, and selfless
36 dedication exhibited by Gina Wright and the staff of the Georgia General Assembly
37 Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office and express their utmost appreciation
38 for their extraordinary efforts and commitment.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Gina
41 Wright, Tonya Cooper, Brian Knight, Gabe Mesriah, Dan O'Connor, Rob Strangia, and
42 Maggie Wigton.