

## House Resolution 627

By: Representatives Mughal of the 105<sup>th</sup>, McClain of the 109<sup>th</sup>, Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup>, Clark of the 108<sup>th</sup>, Okoye of the 102<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Fred Cephas; and for other purposes.
  
- 2 WHEREAS, Fred Cephas was recently appointed as the first Black Fire Chief of Gwinnett  
3 County Fire and Emergency Services by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners,  
4 effective April 1, 2023; and
  
- 5 WHEREAS, with a pre-existing record of exemplary service, this outstanding individual will  
6 bring decades of experience and expertise to this new role; and
  
- 7 WHEREAS, Fred Cephas has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of  
8 his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state; and
  
- 9 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience and  
10 diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have  
11 earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and
  
- 12 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high  
13 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and he possesses the vast wisdom

14 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved  
15 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

16 WHEREAS, Fred Cephas is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable  
17 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
19 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body recognize and commend Fred Cephas for his efficient, effective,  
22 unselfish, and dedicated service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere best  
23 wishes for continued health and happiness.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Fred  
26 Cephas.