

House Resolution 790

By: Representative Smyre of the 135th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Xernona Clayton for her exceptional lifetime of service and devotion to the
2 promotion of racial understanding and human rights; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Xernona Clayton was born in Oklahoma but moved to Atlanta in the 1960s,
4 where she accepted a position with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, working
5 closely with the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Coretta Scott King; and

6 WHEREAS, Xernona began her television career in 1967, and her show was regularly
7 featured on CBS in Atlanta; and

8 WHEREAS, she was employed at Turner Broadcasting for almost 30 years, and as a
9 corporate executive, was one of the highest-ranking female employees in the company; and

10 WHEREAS, Xernona is the founder, president, and CEO of the Trumpet Awards
11 Foundation, Inc., which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, and she is creator and
12 executive producer of the Foundation's Trumpet Awards; and

13 WHEREAS, initiated in 1993 by Turner Broadcasting, the Trumpet Awards is a prestigious
14 annual event which highlights African American accomplishments and contributions and has
15 been televised each year and distributed internationally to more than 185 countries; and

16 WHEREAS, she has always been tirelessly dedicated to promoting racial understanding and
17 human rights, and as an outstanding leader for civic projects and civil rights activities,
18 Xernona has been recognized with numerous impressive awards, accolades, and honors over
19 the years; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that Xernona's exceedingly purposeful life,
21 and the remarkable legacy she has created, be gratefully recognized and celebrated at this
22 time.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend Xernona Clayton for her efficient, effective, and
25 unselfish contributions for the citizens of Georgia and extend their most sincere best wishes
26 for continued success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
29 Xernona Clayton.