

## House Resolution 967

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup>, Buckner of the 137<sup>th</sup>, and Smith of the 134<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing Bennie Butler Newroth for her significant achievements; and  
2 for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, she is a loving mother of three children and the proud grandmother of Andrew  
7 Jalon Ogletree and Ashlee McKayla Ogletree; and

8 WHEREAS, she has a Bachelor of Science degree from North Carolina A&T University and  
9 a Master of Science degree from Columbia University; and

10 WHEREAS, she is the author of *Mama Said*, a collection of proverbs with an African  
11 American perspective; and

12 WHEREAS, from 1975 to 2002, she was an instructor of social work at Columbus State  
13 University; and since 1979, she has been a neonatal social worker, the director of social  
14 work, and the director of government and community relations at Columbus Regional  
15 Healthcare System, Inc.; and

16 WHEREAS, she is the founder of Sports Counseling and Educational Services, Inc., and The  
17 Bennie Newroth "You Grow Girl" Leadership Institute and is a member of Midtown, Inc.,  
18 Spencer High School Athletic Appreciation Association, Inc., the Liberty Theatre Cultural  
19 Center, the Columbus Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and past  
20 member of Columbus Technical College Foundation, the Georgia Certification of Librarians,  
21 Georgia Department of Corrections, and the Columbus Symphony; and

22 WHEREAS, this distinguished individual has showcased her significant organizational and  
23 leadership talents as a campaign coordinator for elected representatives such as Calvin  
24 Smyre, Carolyn Hugley, Lula Huff, Evelyn Turner, Ed Harbison, and Governor Roy Barnes;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Bennie Butler Newroth has won numerous awards and distinctions, including  
27 Outstanding Young Woman of America, Boss of the Year for the American Business  
28 Women Association, the Women in Action award, the Nation Builders award for the  
29 National Black Caucus of State Legislators, the Legend in the Community award for the  
30 SaMarc Foundation, and The Heard Humanitarian award for the Camellian Civic and Social  
31 Club; and

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

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body commend Bennie Butler Newroth for her efficient, unselfish, and  
36 dedicated service and extend to her their best wishes for continued success and happiness.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bennie Butler Newroth.