

House Resolution 970

By: Representatives Schofield of the 60th, Bruce of the 61st, Boddie of the 62nd, Evans of the 57th, Scott of the 76th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Judy Davis Walker; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Judy Davis was the first Black female police officer to serve in the Fulton
3 County Police Department, recruited by the late Fulton County Commissioner Henry “H.D.”
4 Dodson on April 30, 1976, and serving at the Southside Precinct; and
- 5 WHEREAS, raised in New York City, Officer Davis attended the University of Georgia,
6 majored in political science, and later graduated from Georgia State University, where she
7 earned her bachelor’s degree in urban planning in 1978; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Officer Davis is a 1975 graduate of the University of Georgia’s Operation
9 Catchup Program, which was specifically designed to encourage more women and minorities
10 to pursue law enforcement as a career choice; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Officer Davis began her law enforcement career as the first Black full-time
12 police officer with the Roswell Police Department; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Officer Davis became Judy Davis Walker in 1980. As the first Black female,
14 Officer Walker faced many challenges, to include both racial and sexual harassment within

15 the department. She endured and continued to focus on her oath as a police officer while
16 making a difference and focusing on keeping people out of jail versus putting them in jail.
17 Officer Walker's evaluations would often say that she should be in public relations, not law
18 enforcement; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1981, Officer Walker made history for the second time by being the first
20 female officer to have a baby while employed, which later resulted in her resigning to be an
21 at-home mother. Judy Walker later pursued a career in insurance and financial services; and

22 WHEREAS, Officer Walker began her law enforcement career in September 1975 as the first
23 full time African American Police Officer in the City of Roswell. Officer Walker resigned
24 from the Fulton County Police Office in October 1981; and

25 WHEREAS, Judy Davis Walker is a community activist, member of Delta Sigma Theta
26 Sorority, and the proud mother of two sons and three grandchildren.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize and commend Judy Davis Walker for her service to
29 protect others, build her community, and make history as the first Black full-time officer in
30 the Roswell Police Department.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Judy
33 Davis Walker.