

## Senate Resolution 1212

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th, Orrock of the 36th, Unterman of the 45th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Legislative Women's Caucus Servant Leadership Award recipients  
2 and recognizing March as Women's History Month 2014 at the state capitol; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in 1987, Congress declared March to serve as "Women's History Month" to  
5 acknowledge the important role women have played in shaping America; and

6 WHEREAS, every year, during the month of March, hundreds of thousands of events are  
7 held throughout the country to acknowledge and recognize the amazing accomplishments of  
8 women, and the popularity of women's history celebration has sparked a new interest in  
9 uncovering women's forgotten heritage; and

10 WHEREAS, National Women's History Month provides an opportunity to educate the  
11 general public about the significant role of women in American history and contemporary  
12 society; and

13 WHEREAS, knowledge of women's history is essential to encourage and inspire girls and  
14 women to think larger and bolder and provides all individuals with an expansive idea of what  
15 women can accomplish; and

16 WHEREAS, women in the State of Georgia have historically been integral parts of this  
17 state's society and provided leadership in many areas, including education, government, law,  
18 medicine, science, advocacy, and spirituality; and

19 WHEREAS, in recognition of the many women who serve Georgia in various ways, the  
20 Legislative Women's Caucus wishes to recognize the following outstanding women: Sparkle  
21 K. Adams, from City of Forest Park, Mayor, recommended by Representative Keisha Waites;  
22 Deborah Anderson, from Rockdale County, Educator, recommended by Representative  
23 Tonya Anderson; Marie Barber, from Clayton County, Board Chair of the Clayton County

24 Water Authority, recommended by Representative Sandra Scott; Cher Best, from Augusta,  
25 Journalist, recommended by Representative Gloria Frazier; Ann Brown, from Atlanta,  
26 Community Advocate, recommended by Representative Karla Drenner; Juanita Clay, from  
27 Hiram, Children's Advocate, recommended by Representative Kimberly Alexander; Billie  
28 Cox, from Rockdale County, Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, recommended by  
29 Representative Pam Dickerson; Sonja L. Matthews-Coaxum, from Columbus, Educator,  
30 recommended by Representative Carolyn Hugley; Lawanda H. Folami, from Clayton  
31 County, Minister and Community Activist, recommended by Representative Valencia  
32 Stovall; Veda Johnson, from Atlanta, Medical Doctor and Director of the Urban Health  
33 Program, recommended by Representative Pat Gardner; Romona Jackson Jones, Public  
34 Service Executive, recommended by Senator Donzella James; Lakita C. Lackey, from  
35 Atlanta, Religious Leader and Community Activist, recommended by Representative Sharon  
36 Beasley-Teague; Serena G. McElrath, from Ellenwood, Educator, recommended by Senator  
37 Gail Davenport; Polly McKinney, from Atlanta, Children's Advocate and Producer,  
38 recommended by Representative Stacey Abrams; Elaine Davis-Nickens, from Lithonia,  
39 Co-founder and Managing Partner of Connection Consultants, LLC, recommended by  
40 Representative Dee Dawkins-Haigler; Wendy Seay Oliver, from Atlanta, Speech Pathologist  
41 and Coach, recommended by Senator Valencia Seay; Joscelyn C. O'Neil, from DeKalb  
42 County, Community Servant, recommended by Representative Michele Henson; Ola  
43 Reynolds, from Atlanta, Community Volunteer, recommended by Representative Sheila  
44 Jones; Linda Nasrah-Smith, from Atlanta, Midwife, recommended by Representative "Able"  
45 Mable Thomas; Virginia Stringfellow, from Talbot County, Educator and Community  
46 Servant, recommended by Representative Debbie Buckner; Pearlie Toliver, from Macon,  
47 Retired Banker and Community Volunteer, recommended by Representative Nikki Randall;  
48 Dorothy Wiley, from Atlanta, Community Volunteer, recommended by Representative Karen  
49 Bennett; and Allison Wilkerson, Gwinnett County government, recommended by  
50 Representative Joyce Chandler.

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
52 commend the Georgia Legislative Women's Caucus Servant Leadership Award recipients  
53 for their invaluable service to their communities and the State of Georgia and recognize  
54 March as Women's History Month 2014 at the state capitol.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
56 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each of the recipients named herein.