

Senate Resolution 638

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Halpern of the 39th, Butler of the 55th, Rahman of the 5th and Parent of the 42nd

ADOPTED SENATE

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 until her resignation in
5 1981; and

6 WHEREAS, raised in New York City, Officer Davis attended the University of Georgia,
7 majored in political science, and later graduated from Georgia State University, where she
8 earned her bachelor's degree in urban planning in 1978; and

9 WHEREAS, Officer Davis is a 1975 graduate of the University of Georgia's Operation
10 Catchup Program, which was specifically designed to encourage more women and minorities
11 to pursue law enforcement as a career choice; and

12 WHEREAS, Officer Davis became Judy Davis Walker in 1980. As the first Black female,
13 Officer Walker faced many challenges, including both racial and sexual harassment within
14 the department. She endured and continued to focus on her oath as a police officer while
15 making a difference, particularly to focus on keeping people out of jail versus putting them

16 in jail. In her evaluations as a police officer, it was often said that she should be in public
17 relations in lieu of law enforcement; and

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

21 WHEREAS, Judy Davis Walker is an Atlanta community leader and activist, a member of
22 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and past president of the Oakland City Neighborhood
23 Association, among many leadership roles; and she is the proud mother of two sons and three
24 grandchildren.

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

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Judy Davis
31 Walker.