

House Resolution 1055

By: Representatives Paris of the 142nd, Stinson of the 150th, Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, and Jackson of the 165th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Phyliss Kitchens-Thurmond; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Phyliss Kitchens-Thurmond, a native of Jones County, Georgia, has a family
3 legacy of distinguished service to the community, which she continues to carry forth through
4 her volunteerism and philanthropy; and
- 5 WHEREAS, her professional career in health care as a physical therapist has given her direct
6 access and concern for citizens with medical challenges; and
- 7 WHEREAS, as a dedicated physical therapist, she recognized the need for patients and their
8 families to be educated about resources available to make their lives manageable, but realized
9 more importantly that they needed to become aware of prevention measures and the practice
10 of healthy habits to mitigate risks; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she also recognized the power of collaboration in organizations working
12 together to address critical needs; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she has provided leadership and guidance in the formation and expansion of the
14 Central Georgia Women's Heart Health Coalition, composed of local chapters of

15 international and national service organizations, the faith community, and small nonprofit
16 organizations, to increase awareness and education about cardiovascular diseases for African
17 American women; and

18 WHEREAS, the efforts of the Central Georgia Women's Heart Health Coalition are shining
19 a much needed spotlight on the needs of African American women who are
20 disproportionately impacted by cardiovascular disease because of higher rates of
21 hypertension, diabetes, obesity, and stress; and

22 WHEREAS, she gives generously of her time and other resources to ensure that the vision
23 and mission of the Central Georgia Women's Heart Health Coalition are fulfilled; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
25 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Phyliss Kitchens-Thurmond and thank her
28 for her vision, sacrifice, and service to citizens in Central Georgia.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
31 Phyliss Kitchens-Thurmond.