

## House Resolution 1076

By: Representatives Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Frazier of the 126<sup>th</sup>, Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>, and Burnough of the 77<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Diane M. Hanna for her service in the armed forces and recognizing February  
2 19, 2020, as Female Veteran's Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant (Ret) Diane Hanna was born April 21, 1959, in Jacksonville,  
4 Florida. She is the daughter of the late Reverend David and Albertha Wilkerson and attended  
5 Richard L. Brown Elementary School, Mathew Gilbert 7th Grade Center, and Southside  
6 Junior High School. She was very active in Student Council and later became the first  
7 African American Senior class president and later graduated from Andrew Jackson Senior  
8 High School in Jacksonville, Florida, in June 1977. After graduation she attended Florida  
9 Junior College for one year before her marriage to PFC Albert Hanna and moving to  
10 Germany in July 1978; and

11 WHEREAS, Sergeant Hanna spent 26 years in military service, activity duty for nine years  
12 in the Army. Before leaving active duty she was divorced and obtained her bachelor of  
13 science degree in health care management from Southern Illinois University; and

14 WHEREAS, after active duty, she moved to Austin, Texas, and later to Atlanta, Georgia,  
15 with her only daughter, Silka, where she continued her military service as an Army Reservist,  
16 Army National Guard, and later retired from the Air Force National Guard in 2006; and

17 WHEREAS, she was trained as a dental assistant, dental hygienist, supply specialist, and  
18 industrial hygiene technician; her career gave her the opportunity, skills, and abilities to train  
19 in management and planning, which allowed her the opportunity to serve abroad plus travel  
20 extensively in the United States and the Caribbean; and

21 WHEREAS, Sergeant Hanna had a small business as a wedding and event planner for seven  
22 years. She presently works for the Small Business Administration Office of Disaster  
23 Assistance, plus spends her leisure time as a really strong advocate for veterans on their  
24 journey to obtain earned military benefits; and

25 WHEREAS, the selfless and heroic actions of Diane Hanna stand as a shining tribute to the  
26 strength of human spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the  
27 outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized  
28 appropriately.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body commend Diane Hanna for her service to the United States armed  
31 forces who risk their lives in the defense of freedom and to secure the blessings of liberty for  
32 this nation and recognize February 19, 2020, as Female Veteran's Day at the state capitol.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Diane  
35 M. Hanna.