

House Resolution 1176

By: Representatives Marin of the 96th, Hilton of the 95th, Holcomb of the 81st, Lopez of the 99th, and Collins of the 68th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating the Honorable Craig Newton upon his election as the first
2 African American mayor in Gwinnett County; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Honorable Craig Newton recently took the oath of office to serve as mayor
4 of his hometown, the City of Norcross, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, he has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that
6 he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens
7 of Georgia as evidenced by his two decades of service on the Norcross City Council; and

8 WHEREAS, Mayor Newton became the first African American mayor to lead one of
9 Gwinnett County's 16 cities; and

10 WHEREAS, Mayor Newton's swearing in was a symbolic and significant milestone for one
11 of the Southeast's most diverse counties; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia Supreme Court Justice Robert Benham swore in Mayor Newton on this
13 most momentous occasion; and

14 WHEREAS, Mayor Newton's history-making ascension serves as an example to young
15 people everywhere about what can be achieved through hard work; and

16 WHEREAS, Mayor Newton's foresight, vision, and leadership skills have earned him the
17 respect of his colleagues and associates, and his commitment to making the City of Norcross
18 the best city in Georgia is worthy of recognition.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body commend the Honorable Craig Newton on his many contributions

21 to the City of Norcross and the State of Georgia and congratulate him on his new position
22 as mayor.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
25 Honorable Craig Newton.