

House Resolution 1241

By: Representatives Alexander of the 66th, Bruce of the 61st, Thomas of the 65th, and Lewis-Ward of the 115th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Monique Rivarde for receiving the 2024 Yellow Rose
2 Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1999, Representative Nikki T. Randall became the first African American
4 female elected to the General Assembly from middle Georgia, and over her 17 years of
5 service as a legislator, she held numerous leadership positions, including chair of the Georgia
6 Legislative Women's Caucus; and

7 WHEREAS, every year during Women's History Month, the Georgia Legislative Women's
8 Caucus recognizes outstanding women in Georgia who exemplify the leadership and
9 inspiration embodied by Representative Randall; and

10 WHEREAS, Monique Rivarde is an educator at Langston Hughes High School and the
11 founder and president of BFAM, Inc. (Bobby Tillman's Family); and

12 WHEREAS, she is the mother of Bobby Tillman, a teenager who was randomly chosen and
13 beaten to death by four teens outside of a neighborhood house party, losing his life to
14 bullying; however, this heinous act inadvertently started a nationwide movement; and

15 WHEREAS, she birthed BFAM, Inc., after the tragedy of Bobby's death to nurture the spirits
16 of our youth and to promote peace, love, and respect, along with self-worth and to inform our
17 youth that their voices are being heard; and

18 WHEREAS, Monique Rivarde has established a glowing reputation of renown throughout
19 Georgia for her energy, devotion, and commitment to stopping bullying; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
21 extraordinary servant leader be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body congratulate and commend Monique Rivarde for receiving the
24 2024 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award and extend best wishes for her
25 continued success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
28 Monique Rivarde.