

## House Resolution 1291

By: Representatives Carter of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, Beverly of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>, Gilliard of the 162<sup>nd</sup>, and Neal of the 79<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Dr. Marilyn Cooke 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, during her distinguished career in public service, Dr. Marilyn Cooke ensured  
11 the safety of her community for more than two decades as part of the Port Authority of New  
12 York and New Jersey; and

13 WHEREAS, since her relocation to Georgia in 2014, she has continued to serve her  
14 community as president and treasurer of her local HOA as well as a minister at the

15 Fellowship of Jesus Christ Church, dedicating innumerable hours of her time and energy on  
16 behalf of her fellow citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding she has demonstrated have provided  
18 the foundation of success from which her family members have developed and flourished,  
19 as evidenced by her three wonderful daughters and four outstanding grandchildren; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Marilyn Cooke is a woman of unassuming greatness whose humble acts of  
21 kindness and generosity have uplifted many; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body congratulate and commend Dr. Marilyn Cooke for receiving the  
26 2024 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award and extend best wishes for her  
27 continued success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.  
30 Marilyn Cooke.