

House Resolution 1718

By: Representative Mainor of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Gocha Hawkins; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Gocha Hawkins was born in Detroit, Michigan, and yet has very southern roots,
3 since her father hails from Alabama and her mother from Mississippi, and she now calls
4 Georgia her home; and

5 WHEREAS, arriving in Atlanta in 2010, she opened Gocha's Salon in 2011 and quickly
6 became known as the "go-to" girl in the hair industry as her reputation for striking color and
7 cuts spread fast; and

8 WHEREAS, soon her work was featured in notable magazines such as *Sophisticate's Black*
9 *Hair, Style Q*, and *Smooth Magazine* and on the cover of *Hot Atlanta, Salon Profiles, Salon*
10 *Sense*, and *Black Passions*; and

11 WHEREAS, she also appeared on We TV's, *L.A. Hair* for several seasons and has tamed the
12 locks of Nicki Minaj, Beyoncé, Drake, and Serena Williams; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2018 she decided to change careers and bring her passion for cooking to life
14 for the masses to enjoy and opened Gocha's Breakfast Bar; and

15 WHEREAS, Gocha's Breakfast Bar is proud to say it's not just a restaurant but a place that
16 many, especially local seniors, call home and gather at daily to engage, socialize, and connect
17 with others; and

18 WHEREAS, she has been recognized for her community involvement, philanthropy, and
19 dedication to the citizens of Atlanta through her service excellence in cosmetology and now
20 hospitality with Gocha's Restaurant Group, which includes Gocha's Breakfast Bar and
21 Gocha's Tapas Bar; and

22 WHEREAS, she strives for excellence with her goal being to give her guests the best
23 experience, and all of the restaurants have achieved a perfect 100 health inspection score and
24 receive five-star reviews daily; and

25 WHEREAS, Gocha's Breakfast Bar and Gocha's Tapas Bar are committed to serving the
26 community in any capacity possible; and

27 WHEREAS, she heavily supports work release programs to help reduce recidivism thorough
28 job and life skills development for those set to return to the general population; and

29 WHEREAS, she is the founder of Gocha's Illumination Foundation, a charitable organization
30 focused on providing educational and social services to displaced teens who are victims of
31 sexual, physical, and emotional abuse; and

32 WHEREAS, she continually makes a significant investment in the youth of our community
33 through her time and financial resources; and

34 WHEREAS, she serves the community with passion, vigor, and a relentless commitment to
35 its growth; and

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

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body recognize and commend Gocha Hawkins and thank her efficient,
40 effective, unselfish, and dedicated service and extend the most sincere best wishes for
41 continued health and happiness.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
44 Gocha Hawkins.