

House Resolution 1785

By: Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Bell of the 58th, Waites of the 60th, Fullerton of the 153rd, Abrams of the 89th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Abby Drue in honor of Women's History Month 2014; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Abby Drue is the founder, executive director, and CEO of The Ben Marion
4 Institute for Social Justice; and

5 WHEREAS, a long-time Atlanta resident, Abby created The Ben Marion Institute in honor
6 and in memory of her parents, Marion and Ben Drue, and is widely known as an effective
7 negotiator, skilled mediator, insightful strategist and implementer, and an innovative and
8 inspiring trainer with a broad understanding of community relations, conflict resolution, and
9 outreach programs; and

10 WHEREAS, her work, both professionally and as a volunteer, continues to make significant,
11 positive impacts on the cultural climate of her community and the well-being of its residents;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Abby's activities and accomplishments in the human rights arena span an
14 impressive four decades; and

15 WHEREAS, as a visual artist, she successfully infused art and social justice in her role of
16 teacher, lecturer, and arts activist; and

17 WHEREAS, today, Abby serves as a facilitator and behavioral development coach to
18 professional associations, nonprofit agencies, religious communities, service organizations,
19 federal, state, and local government agencies, private businesses, and large corporations; and

20 WHEREAS, her early involvement in the pilot program of VISTA (Volunteers in Service to
21 America), the groundbreaking domestic service agency founded in the 1960s, set the tone for
22 her profound commitment to this work; and

23 WHEREAS, Abby has taught at the college level, served three Atlanta mayoral
24 administrations, and partnered with a number of civil rights, human rights, social services,
25 and health service organizations; and

26 WHEREAS, over the years, Abby has been recognized and honored by such organizations
27 as: the City of Atlanta; the Anti-Defamation League; the American Cancer Society; Jewish
28 Family and Career Services; and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, for her tireless work
29 in helping to create a fair and just world; and

30 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
31 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

32 WHEREAS, Women's History Month, March, 2014, is set aside to celebrate and honor
33 women who have contributed their time and talents to the betterment of this state and nation,
34 and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
35 remarkable Georgian be recognized.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize and commend Abby Drue in honor of Women's History
38 Month 2014 for her extraordinary dedication to protecting and improving the quality of life
39 of her fellow citizens and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Abby Drue.