

House Resolution 834

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Gladney of the 130<sup>th</sup>, Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup>, and Sharper of the 177<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Kiesha Cheatham on her outstanding public service as an  
2 emergency management specialist; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Kiesha Cheatham has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
4 vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare  
5 of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she served 11 years in the United States Army, deploying and leading soldiers  
7 in several Middle East combat operations including Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Bright Star,  
8 Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom; and

9 WHEREAS, her qualifications include a Master's Degree in Public Health, a Bachelor's  
10 Degree in Public Administration, and an Associate's Degree Criminal Justice, as well as  
11 Georgia Emergency Management Certification, Critical Incident Stress Management  
12 Certification, HAZMAT Operations Certification, Bomb Threat Communication  
13 Certification, Level III Emergency Medicine Instructor, NPQ 1 and 2 Instructor, and Fire 1  
14 and 2 Instructor; and

15 WHEREAS, she worked as a Battalion Chief for American Medical Response for ten years,  
16 holding several positions including Safety Champion, Battalion Chief, Captain, Lieutenant,  
17 Logistics Supervisor, and Paramedic. While serving as a Battalion Chief, she was  
18 responsible for the 911 shift operations providing leadership, guidance, and medical advice  
19 for an average of 50 to 60 emergency medical technicians and paramedics responding to  
20 emergency calls; and

21 WHEREAS, she currently serves as an Emergency Management Specialist for the CDC and  
22 is responsible for several Atlanta and non-Atlanta campuses, handling emergencies ranging  
23 from elevator entrapment to building evacuations to active shooters, and she is also  
24 responsible for training thousands of CDC employees on what to do in an emergency. She  
25 composes public service announcements for different emergencies and also provides training  
26 exercises to ensure all safety specialists have knowledge on Occupant Emergency Plans; and

27 WHEREAS, Kiesha Cheatham perfectly embodies the spirit of emergency management; her  
28 leadership appears effortless, and she is known for always finding a creative solution to  
29 problems, no matter how big or small, and her talent has let her progress professionally over  
30 the years; and

31 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience and  
32 diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have  
33 earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

34 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
35 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; 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 Kiesha Cheatham for her efficient,  
40 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most  
41 sincere best wishes for 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 Kiesha Cheatham.