

Senate Resolution 717

By: Senators Rahman of the 5th, Jones II of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Merritt of the 9th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Patsy Austin-Gatson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Patsy Austin-Gatson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
3 the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
4 welfare of the citizens of Gwinnett County, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state, as evidenced
7 dramatically by her superlative service as district attorney of the Gwinnett County Judicial
8 Circuit; and

9 WHEREAS, as the first woman of color to be elected to the office, District Attorney
10 Austin-Gatson has implemented several new programs designed to teach children and young
11 adults about restorative justice as well as to strengthen partnerships between community
12 organizations and law enforcement agencies; and

13 WHEREAS, her distinguished 35 year-long career in law includes extensive experience in
14 both criminal and civil matters, and prior to her election, she served as the supervising
15 attorney of the Gwinnett County Solicitor's Office; and

16 WHEREAS, District Attorney Austin-Gatson's significant organizational and leadership
17 talents, remarkable patience and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs
18 of the citizens of this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and
19 associates; and

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

22 WHEREAS, District Attorney Austin-Gatson has served with honor and distinction, and her
23 vision and unyielding commitment to excellence have set the standard for public service; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize and commend Patsy Austin-Gatson for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and
28 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere best wishes for
29 continued health and happiness.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Patsy
32 Austin-Gatson.