

House Resolution 1296

By: Representative Powell of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Walter James Gordon, Sr., and congratulating him for
2 being awarded the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, for his outstanding contributions to Hart County and the State of Georgia, Mr.
5 Walter James Gordon, Sr., received the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community
6 Service; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Gordon obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Emory University and
8 his law degree from the Antioch School of Law, a law school he chose because of its
9 dedication to the public interest; and

10 WHEREAS, he returned to Hart County after completing law school committed to the public
11 service principles of providing legal service to the under represented and promoting diversity
12 in the legal profession; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Gordon currently serves as the county attorney on the Hart County Board
14 of Commissioners, is a member of the Jaycees, and is a member of the Rotary Club of
15 Hartwell, for which he has served as president and as district interact chairman and been
16 named Rotarian of the Year; and

17 WHEREAS, he is an actor, founding member, and long-term board member of the Hart
18 County Community Theater; and

19 WHEREAS, he attends the First Baptist Church of Hartwell, where he serves as a youth
20 Sunday school teacher, an adult leader, a deacon, and the chairman of the Endowment
21 Committee and is a member of the men's vocal group; and

1 WHEREAS, with the YMCA, he is the Hart County Finance chairman and serves on the
2 district board; he is the past chapter president of the American Cancer Society; and at the
3 state level, he served on the Governor's Local Government Commission and on the Stone
4 Mountain Memorial Association; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Gordon has led the bar as a past president of the Northern Circuit Bar
6 Association, a founding member and past president of the Georgia EMC Counsel
7 Association, a member of the Northern Judicial District Circuit Public Defender Program,
8 a past president of the County Attorneys Section of the Association of County
9 Commissioners of Georgia, and a trustee of the Georgia Legal History Foundation; and

10 WHEREAS, northeast Georgia has benefitted greatly from the consistent, long-term service
11 rendered by Mr. Gordon as both a leader and an outstanding public servant.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
13 the members of this body join together in commending the outstanding career in public
14 service of Mr. Walter James Gordon, Sr., and congratulate him for receiving the Justice
15 Robert Benham Award for Community Service.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
17 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Walter James
18 Gordon, Sr.