

House Resolution 356

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Burnough of the 77th, Bentley of the 139th, Scott of the 76th, and Jones of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing Mama Mia for her successful career in the field of radio
2 broadcasting; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mama Mia says she was destined for a career in radio because it was the "fabric
4 of her life" growing up, as her parents were music lovers; and

5 WHEREAS, she was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, and, as a young girl, lived only
6 a few blocks from Hitsville USA, where Motown Records was founded; and

7 WHEREAS, Mama Mia earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communications from
8 the University of Detroit and a Masters in public administration from Georgia College and
9 State University, now Georgia College; and

10 WHEREAS, she started her radio career in Macon, Georgia, at the iconic WIBB AM radio
11 station in 1983, located in the same studio where James Brown recorded his first hit; being
12 on air lets Mama Mia connect to the community of Middle Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, Mama Mia has worked with many organizations, from helping to fight
14 childhood cancer with the Joshua's Wish Foundation to bringing awareness to HIV/AIDS
15 through her work with the Middle Georgia Sisterhood organization, to teaching school
16 children how to read by volunteering with the United Way of Central Georgia's Read United
17 Campaign; and

18 WHEREAS, this remarkable Georgian has established a glowing reputation of renown
19 throughout Georgia for her dedication and high ideals; and

20 WHEREAS, Mama Mia has won numerous awards throughout her career, including being
21 inducted into the 2017-2018 class of the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame and receiving the
22 prestigious Jefferson Award for community service in August 2018; and

23 WHEREAS, Mama Mia is the mother of two remarkable children, and five terrific
24 grandchildren; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend and recognize Mama Mia for her dedication to spreading
29 joy to others through radio programming.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
32 Mama Mia.