

## House Resolution 497

By: Representatives Glanton of the 75<sup>th</sup>, Stovall of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Schofield of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Burnough of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Ms. Sparkle K. Adams and dedicating a bridge in her honor; and for other  
2 purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Adams served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the  
7 United States Air Force and Air Force Reserve for 25 years; and

8 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,  
9 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced  
10 dramatically by her public service and military career; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Adams was elected as the first African American councilmember for the  
12 City of Forest Park, Georgia, and served as mayor pro tem and later interim mayor; and

13 WHEREAS, as mayor pro tem, Ms. Adams consistently demonstrated her commitment to  
14 sound fiscal responsibility, as shown by her ability help adjust the city's overall budget and  
15 achieve a 10 percent reduction in departmental expenses during her first six months in office;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, her commitment to Forest Park and Clayton County continues today as founder  
18 and executive director of Walking in Authority Teen Council, Inc. (WAITC), an organization  
19 that educates teens and parents on civic duty, leadership, empowerment, accountability, and  
20 responsibility through community service, networking, and relationship building; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Adams' leadership and guidance have been instrumental to numerous  
22 organizations, including as president of the Kiwanis Club and the Atlanta Metro Chapter of

23 the National Association of Black Military Women and as a member of the Clayton County  
24 Superintendent of School's Community Advisory Board and the Clayton County Board of  
25 Health's Community Advisory Board; and

26 WHEREAS, she has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including a  
27 Servant Leadership Award from the Georgia Women's Legislative Caucus; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
29 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in her honor.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
31 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on Interstate 75 at State Route 331/Forest  
32 Parkway Exit in Clayton County is dedicated as the Sparkle K. Adams Bridge.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
34 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Sparkle K. Adams Bridge.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Ms.  
37 Sparkle K. Adams and to the Department of Transportation.