

House Resolution 594

By: Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Leverett of the 123rd, Fleming of the 125th, Silcox of the 53rd, Smith of the 18th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 4, 2023, as the Judicial Council/Administrative Office of the Courts 50th
2 Anniversary Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the judiciary is one of the cornerstones of a democratic system of government,
4 and our Georgia Constitution establishes the judicial branch as a co-equal partner with the
5 executive and legislative branches; and

6 WHEREAS, faith in our government rests in part with the public's trust and confidence in
7 our courts; and

8 WHEREAS, the first active Judicial Council was sworn to serve by Governor Jimmy Carter
9 in May 1973 to act as a policy making body for a more unified statewide judiciary; and

10 WHEREAS, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) was created by an Act of the
11 General Assembly in 1973 to serve as the service agency of an active Judicial Council.
12 Services provided include research, technology, communication, subject matter expertise,
13 and much more, focusing on improving the administration of justice in this state; and

14 WHEREAS, over the past five decades, the Judicial Council, with the assistance of the AOC,
15 has helped unify and streamline the functions of the court system across the state and has
16 given a voice to all classes of court in the state; and

17 WHEREAS, the Judicial Council and AOC have sought collaboration and input from all
18 classes of court, providing meaningful leadership and support for the judiciary in the State
19 of Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, during the global pandemic and the Judicial Emergency of 2020-2021, the
21 Judicial Council and the AOC fulfilled a critical role in providing assistance and direction
22 as well as crucial leadership for the court systems of every circuit in the state; and

23 WHEREAS, the employees of the Judicial Council and the AOC worked tirelessly to assure
24 the continuation of the judicial functions of the state and to fulfill their statutory and
25 constitutional duties during the emergency; and

26 WHEREAS, the leaders of the Judicial Council and the staff of the AOC have provided
27 exemplary service to the people of the State of Georgia for 50 years; and

28 WHEREAS, on this special occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Judicial Council and
29 AOC, the State of Georgia congratulates and thanks the members and staff of these two
30 essential entities for their service and dedication to the judicial branch and the state.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body recognize May 4, 2023, as Judicial Council/Administrative Office
33 of the Courts 50th Anniversary Day in Georgia.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 public and the press.