

House Resolution 617

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Jones of the 53rd, Scott of the 76th, Burnough of the 77th, and McClain of the 100th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing 2019 Georgia Single Parent Legacy Builder award nominee Sonya McKinzie;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, parents must invest immeasurable amounts of time, energy, and devotion when
4 raising their children in order to provide them with the love, support, and guidance required
5 to become responsible, productive, and successful adults; and

6 WHEREAS, the responsibility of raising children in today's society is particularly difficult
7 when it falls on the shoulders of a single parent; and

8 WHEREAS, the number of single-parent families has more than doubled in the past 25 years
9 and tripled since 1960; and

10 WHEREAS, one-third of American children, in excess of 15 million or more, are being
11 raised without a father, and nearly five million children live without a mother; and

12 WHEREAS, the greatest need of every child is to be loved, whether the child lives in a
13 single-parent or two-parent family; and

14 WHEREAS, the dedication and achievement of single parents regardless of gender, cultural
15 diversity, or economic status deserve our recognition; and

16 WHEREAS, the Georgia Single Parent Legacy Builder award is presented annually to
17 recognize the single parents that overcome tremendous obstacles in order to give their
18 children the ability to succeed and excel; and

19 WHEREAS, the 2019 Georgia Single Parent Legacy Builder award nominees are LaChelle
20 Bronson, of Fayetteville; Jana James, of Augusta; Bishonna Jones, of Flowery Branch; Curtis

21 Marrow, of Grovetown; Breana Jordan, of Stone Mountain; Sonya McKinzie, of
22 Lawrenceville; and Shallan Watson, of Jonesboro; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these nominees are recognized for their
24 exemplification of single parent role models.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize the 2019 Georgia Single Parent Legacy Builder award
27 nominees and honor all of the dedication and achievements of all single parents in the State
28 of Georgia.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Sonya
31 McKinzie.