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Georgia Watch recognizes 2017 Consumer Champion

ATLANTA, GA - On October 10, Georgia Watch presented its Consumer Champion Lifetime Achievement Award to Representative Penny Houston (R-Nashville) for her work to protect and empower consumers in Georgia.



Rep. Houston has served in the Georgia General Assembly since 1997. During that time, she has been a champion for "the little guy" and a particularly good friend to consumers.

In her tenure, she has helped defeat multiple attempts to re-introduce predatory lending practices in Georgia, including in the title pawn and debt settlement industries; supported Georgia Watch's efforts to protect Georgia Power ratepayers from paying a "nuclear tariff;" called attention to EMC member recovery of refund checks; helped identify possibly unscrupulous tax preparers, and introduced a resolution honoring Georgia Watch's advisory board member Clark Howard.

"Georgia Watch is proud to recognize Rep. Houston with our highest organizational honor for standing up for the interests of Georgia consumers and helping protect their legal rights," said Georgia Watch Executive Director Liz Coyle. "We owe her a debt of gratitude for the energy she puts forth every day to make Georgia a model for consumer protection."

Founded in 2002, Georgia Watch is a statewide nonprofit organization working to protect and empower Georgia consumers on matters that impact their quality of life, particularly focused on those most affected by predatory business practices, the high cost of utilities and healthcare, and restricted access to the civil justice system.

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