

Erica Thomas Bio

The Honorable Erica Thomas is a trailblazer, as one of the youngest members of any state's legislative body and one of the first orphans to hold political office. She is a versatile young leader serving in many capacities as author, speaker, mentor, philanthropist, political consultant, nationally renowned foster care advocate, Brand Ambassador and Georgia State Representative, representing Georgia's 39th house district in Cobb County. Rep. Thomas has served her district for over 6 years making hands on service her driving force. Rep Thomas believes that service starts at the local level, so she continues to offer free Spanish classes, coding classes, home ownership workshops and credit repairs seminars thought out her district. She has fought for small businesses and hard-working families. She takes the hands-on approach by inviting students and constituents to the Capitol every year for District 39 day to learn how to be a State Representative. As an Author she encourages literacy by hosting Read-a-Thons at Lindley Middle School where she gave an away kindles to kids who read over 20 books in one week, and has donated thousands of books to kids in her community and local pre-k programs. Rep. Thomas has demonstrated leadership at many levels in the Georgia General Assembly: Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, member of the Future Caucus, and founder/Co-Chair of the newly formed Georgia Entertainment Caucus. She the creator of "Foster Care Day in Georgia".

Her growing list of achievements include recipient of a Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award from President Barack H. Obama, Apex Society's "Power 30 Under 30", and Atlanta's Who's Who "Most Influential" Award.

Rep. Thomas has taken a demanding global approach to the economic and environmental development of the world. As an innovative trailblazer and entrepreneur with a passion for inspiring others, she is the founder of Speak Out Loud, a nonprofit which focuses on public speaking, leadership development, training, and advocacy. Speak Out Loud is dedicated to giving a voice to foster children who have been silenced by their circumstances and has expanded and organized across the country with chapters in Botswana and Nigeria.

Rep. Thomas resides in Mableton, GA with her husband and their two daughters.