

House Resolution 1384

By: Representatives Buckner of the 95th, Stanley of the 50th, Manning of the 32nd, Seay of the 93rd, Holmes of the 53rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Martha McElveen Ezzard and inviting her to appear before the House of
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Martha McElveen Ezzard, a native of Atlanta and a columnist for the *Atlanta*
4 *Journal-Constitution*, is the recipient of the Regional Media Award given by the National
5 Press Club; and

6 WHEREAS, a graduate of the Henry Grady School of Journalism at the University of
7 Georgia, she received her master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri and
8 worked as a newspaper and television reporter as well as a press aide to two Colorado
9 governors; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1982, she earned a law degree from the University of Denver; practiced
11 environmental law in Denver for 12 years; was named a Distinguished Fellow by the
12 Colorado State Bar Association Foundation; and taught international environmental law and
13 policy at the University of Denver Graduate School of International Studies; and

14 WHEREAS, for eight years she served in the Colorado Senate and, in 1986, was a candidate
15 for the United States Senate; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1985, she participated in a five-newspaper Appalachian Trail backpacking
17 and writing project that was later published in a book titled *An Appalachian Adventure*; and

18 WHEREAS, she is well known for her environmental writing having received the National
19 Wilderness Society's Aldo Leopold Award; and, in 1999, she kicked off her award winning
20 seven-part series, "The Trees of Our Lives," by sleeping 100 feet high in a tulip poplar tree;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, she and her husband, Dr. John Ezzard, have three grown children and six
2 grandchildren, and they own a home in Rabun County where they cultivate a wine grape
3 vineyard on a five-generation-old farm.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body congratulate Martha McElveen Ezzard on being selected to receive
6 the Regional Media Award from the National Press Club and invite her to appear before the
7 House of Representatives at a time to be determined by the Speaker.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Martha McElveen Ezzard.