

House Resolution 508

By: Representatives Murphy of the 18th, McBee of the 88th, Connell of the 115th, Smyre of the 136th, Buck of the 135th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Edna Jean Pressley; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Edna Jean Pressley has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
3 vital role that she has played in community leadership and her deep personal commitment
4 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, this native daughter of Maryville, Tennessee, attended Woodrow Wilson School
6 of Law, attaining her degree in June, 1968, after having received superior instruction in
7 courses such as domestic relations taught by Wayne Pressley; and

8 WHEREAS, their compatibility having been established firmly, on September 14, 1968, she
9 was joined in holy wedlock with Wayne Pressley, and for the ensuing 32 years until his
10 untimely passing on October 15, 2000, this couple stood as a proud and shining example of
11 enduring love and affection to their family and friends and the devotion, patience, and
12 understanding that they demonstrated provided the foundation and framework of success in
13 which all of their family members have developed and flourished; and

14 WHEREAS, they were active members of Sandy Springs United Methodist Church and she
15 continues to this day their established tradition of selfless service to others; and

16 WHEREAS, this always humorous and often ironic individual has diligently and
17 conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the
18 betterment of her state as evidenced dramatically by her more than 30 years of superlative
19 service as secretary and administrative assistant to Legislative Counsels Frank Edwards and
20 Sewell Brumby; and

21 WHEREAS, her fiery red hair, which earned her first place dressed as Lucille Ball in a 1992
22 "Milwaukee Goes Hollywood" contest, belies completely her calm and compassionate
23 demeanor and disposition; and

1 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience
2 and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the members of
3 the General Assembly have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and
4 associates and the members of this body in particular; and

5 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
6 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; her loyalty, competency, reliability, and
7 enthusiasm have distinguished her superlative service to this state; and her friendship is
8 counted by the staff of the Office of Legislative Counsel as a special experience they will
9 always treasure; and

10 WHEREAS, she has announced her retirement in September, 2001, and it is abundantly
11 fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this distinguished Georgian be
12 appropriately recognized.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
14 the members of this body commend Edna Jean Pressley for her over three decades of
15 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of her state; convey
16 to her their heartiest congratulations upon the occasion of her retirement; and extend to her
17 their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Edna Jean Pressley.