

House Resolution 635

By: Representatives Ashe of the 42nd, Post 2, Moraitakis of the 42nd, Post 4, Teper of the 42nd, Post 1, Gardner of the 42nd, Post 3, and Orrock of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Betsy C. Baker, Executive Director of the Georgia Council for the Arts; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Betsy C. Baker has served with the utmost dedication and ability as the
4 Executive Director of the Georgia Council for the Arts for the past two and one-half years
5 and has substantially improved the quality of life for Georgians and visitors to Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, since her appointment in September, 2000, she restructured and revitalized the
7 agency to maximize the fine talent of its staff and more efficiently utilize financial resources,
8 established strong executive and legislative alliances in state government, and initiated
9 partnerships with corporate and community partners; and

10 WHEREAS, she is a former city commissioner who also served on the Atlanta Committee
11 for the Olympic Games and as a professional administrator has reached out through the
12 Georgia Rural Development Council to provide valuable cultural services throughout its 12
13 regions and improved the relationship with Georgia Public Broadcasting and PeachStar to
14 enrich the arts curriculum available for Georgia's classroom teachers across the state; and

15 WHEREAS, the new Community Partners Grants Program fosters arts programs in
16 under-served areas and expands the role of the arts in addressing local community concerns;
17 and the ten pilot initiatives have been highly successful and serve as models for the future;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, she has masterfully collaborated with other organizations and state agencies to
20 build support for, appreciation of, and participation in the arts in a state in which public
21 support for the arts is tragically under capitalized and her accomplishments are noble.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 this body commends Betsy C. Baker for her superb service and conveys its best wishes.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Betsy C. Baker.