

House Resolution 637

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 Martha W. Ferguson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Martha W. Ferguson has served as the chief executive officer of the
3 metropolitan Atlanta chapter of the American Red Cross with the utmost ability and
4 dedication and her vision for coordination of Red Cross services with other Georgia chapters
5 has become a model that states throughout the nation now follow; and

6 WHEREAS, she is a native of Webster Groves, Missouri; graduated magna cum laude from
7 Judson College in Marion, Alabama; and is the mother of two adult children; and she
8 re-entered the workforce in 1971, came up through the ranks, and has the distinction of being
9 the first female CEO of one of the largest Red Cross chapters in the country; and

10 WHEREAS, Marti's tremendous drive and energy have made the metropolitan Atlanta
11 chapter a national leader in volunteer recruitment, CPR and first aid certification, HIV/AIDS
12 education, and the primary provider of emergency services in the 15 county area; and

13 WHEREAS, her foresight inspired the development of an emergency response plan and
14 training Red Cross volunteers to serve millions of visitors during the 1996 Olympics; and

15 WHEREAS, her business acumen and savvy management as the chief executive since 1992
16 enabled the organization to meet shrinking donor resources, staff for multiple disasters, and
17 restructure to facilitate its major role as the state coordinating chapter for Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, her expertise and talent are recognized and valued by various nonprofit, civic,
19 and business associations on which she serves and her accomplishments merit high praise.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 this body commends Martha W. Ferguson on her superb leadership with the metropolitan
22 Atlanta chapter of the American Red Cross and conveys best wishes on her retirement.

- 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 Martha W. Ferguson.