

House Resolution 1438

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A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing the Buckhead Chapter of AARP and inviting the chapter to
2 appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on July 1, 1958, in Washington D.C., the American Association of Retired
4 Persons (AARP) was established and followed shortly thereafter with the founding of its
5 magazine, *Modern Maturity*; and

6 WHEREAS, by the middle of 1961, more than 36,000 members each month were being
7 served by AARP's pharmacy service which began, amazingly, only two and a half years
8 earlier in 1959; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1966, our nation's medicare law became effective and, that same year, AARP
10 developed an expanded group health insurance program to supplement the medicare
11 program; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1970, the AARP Tax-Aide program was founded, and today the program's
13 36,000 volunteers assist more than 1.5 million people in preparing their federal and state tax
14 returns at nearly 10,000 locations across the country; and

15 WHEREAS, the AARP 55 ALIVE/Mature Driving program was introduced in 1979 to
16 emphasize topics such as age related physical changes, declining perceptual skills, rules of
17 the road, and license renewals; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1985, AARP celebrated and welcomed its 20 millionth member to the
19 association, which now boasts over 32 million members; and

20 WHEREAS, the AARP Connections for Independent Living program was introduced in 1994
21 for the purpose of helping people maximize their independence in their homes and

1 communities by enabling a large number of AARP members to volunteer for organizations
2 in direct service programs and by providing information about independent living issues; and

3 WHEREAS, today, some regard AARP primarily as an advocacy organization whose
4 professional staff and more than 170,000 volunteers work with federal, state, and local
5 government bodies on behalf of older citizens; others believe the association to be a
6 community service organization whose programs and education efforts help people to
7 prepare income tax returns, improve their driving skills, or plan for retirement; and

8 WHEREAS, it is fair to say that AARP strives on many different fronts to improve the
9 quality of life in this country and the shared purpose of the association and its members is,
10 as its motto states, "To serve, not to be served."

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
12 the members of this body commend and recognize the valiant and vital role that the
13 Buckhead Chapter of AARP serves in its community and invite the chapter to appear before
14 the House of Representatives at a time and date to be determined by the Speaker of the
15 House.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
17 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Buckhead Chapter of
18 AARP.