

## House Resolution 1590

By: Representatives Powell of the 23<sup>rd</sup>, McCall of the 78<sup>th</sup>, and Smith of the 76<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing the Rotary Club of Madison County and congratulating it on  
2 the construction of its 200th ramp; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Madison County completed construction of its 200th ramp  
4 on Saturday, February 28, 2004, at the residence of Mr. Louis Garner; and

5 WHEREAS, the event marks a special milestone for the club which, in 1996, began building  
6 ramps to assist physically challenged individuals; and

7 WHEREAS, while making a delivery to Mr. Harlod McCarty, a polio victim, a club member  
8 noticed Mr. McCarty had tremendous difficulty entering and exiting his residence and the  
9 Rotarians returned to build their first ramp; and

10 WHEREAS, its earliest ramps took Rotarians an entire work day to build; they now have  
11 construction times down to a single hour and are crafted at no cost to the disabled user; and

12 WHEREAS, the need for ramps was far greater than the club realized and in 1996 three  
13 ramps were constructed, followed by seven in 1997, 17 in 1998, 24 in 1999, 37 in 2000, 36  
14 in 2001, 31 in 2002, and 38 in 2003; and

15 WHEREAS, the club has constructed ramps for the elderly and victims of stroke, heart  
16 attack, accidents, polio, birth defects, diabetes, and amputation; and

17 WHEREAS, since there are no federal, state, or local government funds offered for the  
18 construction of these ramps, the Madison County Rotary Club's efforts are providing a vital  
19 and much needed service to its community and this group serves as the perfect example of  
20 a service club recognizing a need and taking public action; and

1 WHEREAS, the club attempts to limit its work to Madison County residents, but the need  
2 is so great that the club has gone into neighboring counties to provide relief.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
4 the members of this body heartily commend the Rotary Club of Madison County for its  
5 generous and selfless efforts to assist disabled members in the community and recognize that  
6 the club is providing a much needed service to its community and sincerely congratulate the  
7 club on the construction of its 200th ramp.

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 the Rotary Club of Madison  
10 County.