

House Resolution 32

By: Representatives O`Neal of the 146th, Ashe of the 56th, Manning of the 32nd, McClinton of the 84th, and Coleman of the 144th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Kathleen E. Toomey for excellence in the field of public
2 health; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a graduate of Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Public Health,
4 Dr. Kathleen E. Toomey served for three years as clinical director of the Kotzebue Service
5 Unit with the Indian Health Service in Northwest Alaska before being selected as a Pew
6 Health Policy Research Fellow at the University of California, San Francisco in 1985; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Toomey subsequently joined the Division of STD/HIV Prevention of the
8 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and, in 1991, she served as a legislative assistant
9 on health issues for U.S. Senator John Chafee, helping to shape national public health policy;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, through the course of her distinguished career, Dr. Toomey has made many
12 outstanding contributions to the field of public health, especially in the areas of women's
13 health, health services in underserved areas, and the epidemiology and prevention of STDs
14 and HIV/AIDS, for which she has been recognized by numerous eminent awards and the
15 highest esteem of her colleagues; and

16 WHEREAS, her intelligence, expertise, and exceptional leadership skills did not go
17 unnoticed within the Georgia Division of Public Health, and Dr. Toomey was named
18 Director of the Division of Public Health, Georgia Department of Human Resources in 1997
19 and was appointed to serve on Georgia's Homeland Security Task Force by Governor Roy
20 Barnes in 2001; and

21 WHEREAS, in these positions, Dr. Toomey has dedicated herself to protecting the health of
22 the citizens of Georgia and has been a determined advocate for the collaboration of public
23 health and law enforcement officials to promote homeland security, a service which merits
24 the state's highest thanks and commendation.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body join in recognizing Dr. Kathleen E. Toomey and expressing sincere
3 gratitude for her many contributions to the State of Georgia and the health and safety of its
4 citizens.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Kathleen E. Toomey.