

Senate Resolution 119

By: Senators Douglas of the 17th, Balfour of the 9th, Johnson of the 1st and Stephens of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Operation Sandbox GA, its co-founders, Julie and Virginia
2 Pearson, and the members of Park Place Baptist Church in Snellville, Georgia; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in November, 2004, Julie and Virginia Pearson founded Operation Sandbox
5 GA, an effort to boost the morale of American troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan by
6 sending them letters and care packages; and

7 WHEREAS, Operation Sandbox GA has received an overwhelming response from the
8 members of Park Place Baptist Church in Snellville, Georgia, as well as other churches and
9 local organizations and businesses; and

10 WHEREAS, because of the efforts of this generous community, Operation Sandbox GA has
11 collected over 7,000 items for care packages which have reached over 750 service members
12 in Iraq and Afghanistan and has also provided support to injured Marines by sending them
13 get-well cards with heartfelt messages of encouragement and appreciation; and

14 WHEREAS, the members of this community have joined together to donate items, raise
15 postage, pack boxes, write letters, and work behind the scenes in order to realize the
16 important mission of this outstanding and exemplary organization; and

17 WHEREAS, it is highly fitting and proper that this body recognize the hard work and
18 patriotism of the numerous members and supporters of Operation Sandbox GA.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 recognize outstanding success of Operation Sandbox GA and commend Julie and Virginia
21 Pearson and the members of Park Place Baptist Church of Snellville, Georgia, for their
22 inspiring patriotism and their extraordinary contribution to the comfort and welfare of our
23 troops.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Julie and Virginia Pearson, co-founders,
- 3 Operations Sandbox GA and Park Place Baptist Church of Snellville, Georgia.