

House Resolution 375

By: Representatives Stanley-Turner of the 53rd, Lindsey of the 54th, and Beasley-Teague of the 65th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Jeanne Scher as the Distinguished Senior Georgian for 2005; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Jeanne Scher was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, on May 3, 1919, and has a
4 long history of advocacy beginning in her early years living in Connecticut and New York;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, during those years she advocated for additional schools in her community and
7 for programs designed for learning disabled children; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1979 she and her husband moved to Atlanta, where she became the director
9 of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in DeKalb County and organized an older women's
10 conference with Mercer University and was also employed by the Atlanta Regional
11 Commission, where she organized the first job fair for older workers attended by over 1,000
12 people; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Scher is best known for her work with the Older Women's League (OWL)
14 and her advocacy for older women, serving as a charter member of the national organization
15 and founder of the Atlanta Chapter, working tirelessly as President/Executive Director for
16 the local chapter and as a member of the National Board of Directors; and

17 WHEREAS, she was a founder of the Women's Health Coalition and a charter member of
18 the Long Term Care Coalition, obtaining grants for OWL to train volunteers about the
19 importance of breast self-examination and mammography, and advocated for universal health
20 care, prescription drug coverage, bone density screening for osteoporosis and long term care;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, she has always been concerned about elder abuse and secured a grant to train
2 volunteers to speak about this issue to make people more aware of the problem of elder
3 abuse; and

4 WHEREAS, she is still actively working in her senior community, planning educational
5 programs on relevant issues and encouraging the residents to vote; and

6 WHEREAS, Senior Week at the Capitol has been established to recognize the valuable
7 contributions older Georgians have made to our state and will be observed the week of
8 February 28-March 4, 2005; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Council on Aging has chosen to honor Ms. Scher as the
10 Distinguished Senior Georgian for 2005 in recognition of her contributions to her community
11 and state and the positive role model she represents for young and old alike.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
13 the members of this body recognize and commend Ms. Jeanne Scher as the Distinguished
14 Senior Georgian for 2005.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
16 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Jeanne Scher.