

House Resolution 424

By: Representatives Henson of the 87th, Benfield of the 85th, Mosby of the 90th, McClinton of the 84th, and Stephenson of the 92nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending J. Frederick Agel for outstanding community service and
2 excellence as a volunteer in the field of public health; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, J. Frederick Agel was appointed to the DeKalb County Board of Health in June
4 1980 and served until January 2005, spearheading a 1993 bond referendum that approved
5 \$29.7 million in new and expanded county health facilities; and

6 WHEREAS, he was elected chair of the DeKalb County Board of Health in January 1984
7 and held that office for the remainder of his board tenure, convening the DeKalb County
8 Health Advisory Council composed of the DeKalb County chief executive officer, Grady
9 Memorial Hospital, DeKalb Medical Center, DeKalb Community Service Board, and the
10 Board of Health; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Agel was an organizer and founder of the National Association of Local
12 Boards of Health and the Georgia Association of County Boards of Health and helped create
13 the governance section of the Georgia Public Health Association to give county board of
14 health members a voice in the association; and

15 WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has called on him
16 on numerous occasions to participate in committees to evaluate and improve public health
17 services in the nation; notable among the initiatives in DeKalb County is the Prevention
18 Alliance for Tobacco Control and Health (PATCH); and

19 WHEREAS, when the mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse services
20 program of the DeKalb County Board of Health was re-created as the DeKalb Community
21 Service Board on July 1, 1994, he served as its first board chair and was an organizer and
22 founder of the Georgia Association of Community Service Boards; and

1 WHEREAS, as an active member of Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, he was
2 instrumental in establishing a shelter for the homeless in the 1980's and Jerusalem House to
3 assist persons with HIV/AIDS; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Agel is a board member of Senior Connections and prepares and delivers
5 weekend meals to the elderly, receiving a 1997 Kentucky Fried Chicken Corporation's Col.
6 Sanders Senior Citizen Award for Outstanding Community Service for his efforts.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the members of this body join in commending J. Frederick Agel for selflessly giving his
9 time, energy, resources, and expertise to numerous worthwhile organizations and causes,
10 congratulate him on his 25 year tenure as a member of the DeKalb County Board of Health,
11 and wish him happiness and all the best for the future.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to J. Frederick Agel.