

House Resolution 433

By: Representative Stanley-Turner of the 53<sup>rd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and expressing support and appreciation to the Moore family for their  
2 outstanding efforts in establishing the Mattie Call Foundation and inviting the family to  
3 appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mattie Moore was born in Early County, Georgia, and was the devoted  
5 wife of Mr. Jesse J. Moore with whom she raised four children; and

6 WHEREAS, on April 21, 2004, one week before her sixty-seventh birthday, Mrs. Mattie  
7 Moore disappeared from her home; and

8 WHEREAS, during the search for Mrs. Moore, her family witnessed the recovery of several  
9 people who had wandered away from their home due to cognitive impairments and other  
10 problems and were deeply touched by the outpouring of concern and kindness displayed by  
11 residents of Metro Atlanta assisting in the search for these individuals; and

12 WHEREAS, the Moore family was moved by this experience to develop an organization that  
13 could assist in these endeavors and created the Mattie Call Foundation to improve the quality  
14 of life for the community of cognitively impaired persons and their families by raising  
15 awareness within the community of the support services and products available to keep these  
16 individuals safe should they wander away from home; and

17 WHEREAS, the members of Moore family, who are long-time residents of the City of  
18 Atlanta and the State of Georgia, include Mrs. Moore's children, Kenneth, Edith, Cassandra,  
19 and Aundrea, their wonderful and supportive spouses, and Mrs. Moore's eight grandchildren;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, in June of 2004, the members of the Moore family were at the forefront of  
22 getting the City of Atlanta to establish the Mattie Call legislation, which helps local law  
23 enforcement, emergency management, broadcasters, businesses, communities, and the

1 families of mentally disabled individuals to activate an urgent bulletin when loved ones go  
2 missing; and

3 WHEREAS, together, they have raised money to fund the foundation and to purchase a  
4 search dog that will be presented to the City of Atlanta Police Department and have been  
5 directly responsible for getting the City of Atlanta to establish a Project Lifesaver program  
6 to help search for wandering persons with mental disabilities; and

7 WHEREAS, the Project Lifesaver program will greatly increase the safety of these  
8 individuals and provide peace of mind to their families; and

9 WHEREAS, it is highly fitting and proper that this body recognize the valuable contributions  
10 of this generous and courageous family.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
12 the members of this body join in commending the Moore family for their exemplary  
13 dedication to supporting those suffering from Alzheimer's disease, Autism, dementia, and  
14 other forms of cognitive impairment and their families, express their deepest gratitude to  
15 each member of the family for turning their personal tragedy into a triumph with this unique  
16 foundation, and extend their support for the work of the Mattie Call Foundation.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Moore family is invited to appear before the House of  
18 Representatives for the purposes of being recognized by the House and receiving an  
19 appropriate copy of this resolution at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House.