

House Resolution 843

By: Representatives Benfield of the 85th and Oliver of the 83rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Sally Wylde; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, when Ms. Sally Wylde first moved from rural Massachusetts to the City of
3 Decatur in 1993, she became concerned about the effects that urbanization and loss of
4 greenspace were having on the children and residents of her community; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1996, when a group of local children vandalized a neighbor's garden, she and
6 her neighbor, Louise Jackson, responded by inviting the children to become caretakers of the
7 garden, guiding the group as they restored Ms. Jackson's garden, and then created a second
8 garden in the median strip of the street in front of the house; and

9 WHEREAS, this initial project grew into the idea for the Oakhurst Community Garden
10 Project, and Ms. Wylde has served as its executive director since its founding in 1997; and

11 WHEREAS, under her expert guidance, the garden project has developed after-school and
12 summer programs for local children focusing on gardening, environmental education,
13 nutrition, and community service, received nonprofit 501(c)(3) status, hired a full-time
14 environmental educator, purchased two adjacent lots, and developed a master plan for the
15 highly successful garden; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Wylde also serves on the Decatur Greenspace Commission, is a member
17 of the Decatur Rotary Club, and received the Decatur Hometown Hero award in 1998; and

18 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that this outstanding community leader be appropriately
19 recognized for her initiative, foresight, and exemplary commitment to her community.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body join to honor Sally Wylde for her hard work and dedication to the

1 Oakhurst Community Garden Project and thank her for her many contributions to improving
2 the quality of life enjoyed by her fellow citizens.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sally Wylde.