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House Resolution 879

By: Representatives Chambers of the 81st and Geisinger of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Sister Christine Truong My Hanh; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Sister Christine Truong My Hanh was born in Hue, South Vietnam, and was
- 3 educated by Catholic nuns; and
- 4 WHEREAS, at age seventeen, Sister Christine left Vietnam for Singapore to become a
- 5 Catholic nun with the Order of Good Shepherd Sisters and, after taking her vows, returned
- 6 to Vietnam to serve as director of the Order of Good Shepherd Sisters in Saigon, working
- 7 with poor women, widows, and prostitutes; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in 1975, just one week before the fall of Saigon, Sister Christine escaped to the
- 9 United States, bringing 160 handicapped children with her to freedom; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 1976, the order sent Sister Christine to Hong Kong and then to the United
- 11 Kingdom where she earned her master's degree in social work from the University of Keele
- while working with Vietnamese refugees in Ireland, England, and Germany; and
- WHEREAS, she returned to Hong Kong for ten more years, giving hope and strength to
- 14 thousands of people as an advocate for the boat people detained in refugee camps; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Sister Christine returned to the United States, serving first with the Metropolitan
- Washington, D. C. YMCA, and moving in 1991 to Atlanta as a family counselor for Save the
- 17 Children Foundation and as a consultant for St. Joseph's Hospital; and
- 18 WHEREAS, in 1993, Sister Christine founded the Good Shepherd Services of Atlanta in
- 19 DeKalb County, serving the poor, the at-risk youth, and providing elderly services, cultural
- 20 enrichment, translation services, and citizenship classes, and the organization has expanded
- 21 and now serves additional communities in Clayton and Gwinnett Counties.

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 $1\quad \mathsf{NOW}, \mathsf{THEREFORE}, \mathsf{BE}\,\mathsf{IT}\,\mathsf{RESOLVED}\,\mathsf{BY}\,\mathsf{THE}\,\mathsf{HOUSE}\,\mathsf{OF}\,\mathsf{REPRESENTATIVES}\,\mathsf{that}$

- 2 the members of this body recognize and honor Sister Christine Truong My Hanh for her
- 3 strength, faith, and good works in our community.
- 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sister Hanh.