

House Resolution 1454

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Geisinger of the 48th, Lindsey of the 54th, and Willard of the 49th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ingrid Brunt and Jan Collins; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ingrid Brunt and Jan Collins, members and former presidents of the Sandy
3 Springs Society, conceived the concept of a unique public art exhibit that would not only
4 bring together the community of Sandy Springs, but would provide enjoyment for residents
5 of all ages; and
- 6 WHEREAS, this ingenious project entailed 56-foot, upright-standing fiberglass box turtles,
7 the "canvas" on which artists of every medium could paint their own individual designs; and
- 8 WHEREAS, this ambitious project was dubbed "The Town Turtles of Sandy Springs" and
9 was unveiled at the Turtle Trot Parade in front of thousands in April 2005 and thereafter the
10 turtle statues were installed all over Sandy Springs, turning the town into a virtual outdoor
11 art gallery; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the Town Turtle idea hatched by Ingrid Brunt and Jan Collins culminated in the
13 raising of more than half a million dollars, with more than \$320,000.00 being generated by
14 the auctioning of the turtle statues; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the Sandy Springs Society donated \$400,000.00 from the Town Turtle project
16 funds to Heritage Sandy Springs for the construction of a multipurpose entertainment green
17 that will be built this summer adjacent to the historic Williams-Payne house near the site of
18 the historic spring from which the town gets its name; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the Town Turtles have unexpectedly become the unofficial mascot of Sandy
20 Springs and symbols of the citizens' perseverance; and
- 21 WHEREAS, these two wonderful and wise women have impacted Sandy Springs and the
22 State of Georgia in immeasurable ways that will last for generations, it is abundantly fitting

1 and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of these distinguished Georgians be
2 appropriately recognized.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 this body hereby recognizes and commends Ingrid Brunt and Jan Collins and expresses its
5 appreciation for their contributions to Sandy Springs and to the State of Georgia.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House is authorized and directed to
7 transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Ingrid Brunt and Jan Collins.