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House Resolution 1646

By: Representative Chambers of the 81st

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Interfaith Outreach Home; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, since 1989, Interfaith Outreach Home has been serving the neediest of Doraville
- 3 by providing transitional housing for homeless families; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Interfaith Outreach Home has helped 175 families since its founding, with the
- 5 last six able to purchase homes after leaving the program; and
- 6 WHEREAS, besides housing, the organization provides a number of services, including life
- 7 skills training, mental health services, intensive care management, summer camp for
- 8 children, an after-school program, preschool care, assistance in establishing savings accounts,
- 9 and debt repair; and
- 10 WHEREAS, after families leave the program, Interfaith Outreach Home continues to follow
- up on their progress for up to five years to ensure lasting stability; and
- 12 WHEREAS, for the past three years, 90 percent of participating families "graduated,"
- meaning that they stayed together and were able to find steady employment with a sufficient
- 14 income to ensure independent housing while keeping their children in school; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Interfaith Outreach Home provided food
- and shelter for many affected families, including one family of 21 people, and assisted many
- 17 others in finding community resources during the hurricane relief period; and
- 18 WHEREAS, thanks to the hard work and dedication of its volunteers, Interfaith Outreach
- 19 Home continues to give new hope to families struggling with poverty and serves as a shining
- 20 example to other organizations who strive to make the world a better place.

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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 join in commending and thanking Interfaith Outreach Home for
- 3 its outstanding contributions to Doraville and to Georgia.
- 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 Interfaith Outreach Home.