

House Resolution 2128

By: Representatives Mangham of the 94th and Henson of the 87th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Margaret Freeman; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Hannah Angel, Inc., a Decatur-based nonprofit organization, was launched by
3 Margaret Freeman in 2001 after Freeman's family provided a decent burial for a baby girl
4 found dead in a dumpster behind the Salem Crossing shopping center on Panola Road; and

5 WHEREAS, she said the death of the baby, in whose memory Hannah Angel is named, led
6 her to acknowledge the lack of resources and services available to pregnant teenagers and
7 young women in crisis who feel forced to abandon their newborns; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Freeman left a 28 year career as a corporate marketing consultant to devote
9 her time to the work of Hannah Angel; and

10 WHEREAS, she has established "Baby Bottle Boomerang," a change collection drive in
11 which residents are asked to drop their spare change into large plastic baby bottles that are
12 being placed on the counters of local businesses; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Freeman is giving smaller bottles to families and encouraging them to fill
14 them with coins from around the house; and

15 WHEREAS, last year Hannah Angel collected about \$3,500.00 and this year's goal is
16 \$10,000.00 to carry on the work of the organization and help launch an abstinence program
17 for teens this summer; and

18 WHEREAS, in the five years since its beginning, Hannah Angel has buried five babies, and
19 2005 is noted as a special year for Ms. Freeman and the organization in that they did not have
20 to bury a single abandoned baby; and

1 WHEREAS, Ms. Freeman has continued the crucial work of assisting women who are
2 conflicted about caring for their newborns by setting up a crisis hotline; and

3 WHEREAS, Margaret Freeman has given so much to her community and the State of
4 Georgia, and it is only fitting that this body recognize her selflessness and generosity of
5 spirit.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body commend Margaret Freeman for her unparalleled dedication and
8 commitment to the community and extend their sincerest best wishes for continued success
9 in the future.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Margaret Freeman.