

House Resolution 2133

By: Representatives Ashe of the 56th, Buckner of the 76th, Reece of the 11th, Stanley-Turner of the 53rd, Hill of the 180th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Nellie Duke; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Nellie Duke is a leading figure in the enduring struggle for equal rights for
3 women, devoting her life to forging a more free and just world; and

4 WHEREAS, throughout her lifelong service to women's issues, this native daughter of
5 Georgia has devoted herself to the prevention of violence, child abuse, elder abuse, and rape
6 and has also provided strong leadership in the tireless fight against osteoporosis,
7 cardiovascular disease, and teen pregnancy; and

8 WHEREAS, in the late 1970s and early 1980s she worked for the ratification of the Equal
9 Rights Amendment and today continues to struggle for women's rights focusing on garnering
10 public and political support for issues surrounding child care for working mothers, equality
11 of pay for women, and recognition of the achievements of women; and

12 WHEREAS, she is a true community leader and she gives generously of her time and talent
13 as demonstrated by her service on numerous committees and associations such as the Council
14 on Child Abuse, Family Connections, Women's Leadership Forum, the NAACP, and the
15 League of Women Voters; she has also served as president of the American Legion Auxiliary
16 and United Methodist Women, chief executive officer of the Georgia Commission on
17 Women, and state committee member of the Women's Vote Project; helped found the West
18 Georgia Women's Forum and the Georgia Women's Alliance; and serves on the advisory
19 committees for the Institute for Women's Policy Research and Georgia Coalition of Black
20 Women as well as the boards of *Today's Atlanta Woman* magazine, Southwire Company,
21 and Possible Woman Enterprises; and

22 WHEREAS the high esteem in which her colleagues hold her is demonstrated by her receipt
23 of numerous awards such as the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Community Service
24 Award, American Association of University Women Award, League of Women Voters

1 Award, and Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs Award; and she was also appointed to
2 the advisory boards of the Rollins School of Public Health at the Emory University School
3 of Medicine and the Task Force for Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease at the Georgia
4 Department of Public Health; and

5 WHEREAS, her tireless commitment to justice and equality has changed the lives of
6 countless American women, helping to guarantee women rights and freedoms they may not
7 have otherwise had; and

8 WHEREAS, as Women's History Month, March, 2006, is set aside to celebrate and honor
9 those women who have contributed their time and talents to the betterment of this state and
10 this nation, it is only fitting and proper that Nellie Duke be recognized on this highly
11 significant occasion.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
13 the members of this body join in commending Nellie Duke for her exemplary public service
14 to the State of Georgia and in extending their sincere best wishes for her continued success.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
16 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Nellie Duke.