

House Resolution 1005

By: Representatives Murphy of the 120th and Frazier of the 123rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Colonel Gwendolyn Fryer; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Colonel Gwendolyn Fryer attended the Medical College of Georgia School of
3 Nursing in Augusta, Georgia, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree
4 (Nursing) in 1974 and a Master of Science Degree (Medical-Surgical Nursing, Teaching
5 Specialization) in 1979; and

6 WHEREAS, before beginning her active duty military career, Colonel Fryer was
7 commissioned a 1LT in the United States Army Reserve Nurse Corps in 1978 and served at
8 the 382nd Field Hospital (now 3297th General Hospital) in Augusta, Georgia, while
9 concurrently completing seven years of civilian nursing experience; and

10 WHEREAS, Colonel Fryer was commissioned as an active duty Army Nurse Corps Officer
11 in 1981 and served in various key assignments in the continental United States. Her
12 leadership and contributions positively impacted decision making at the Departments of
13 Defense, Army, and Veterans Administration, as well as at the Office of the Surgeon
14 General, Central Command, Medical Command, United States Army Recruiting Command,
15 and the Army Medical Department; and

16 WHEREAS, Colonel Fryer has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with fifth Oak
17 Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with second
18 Oak Leaf Cluster, the National Defense Service Medal with two stars, the Global War on
19 Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with bronze hourglass device,
20 and the Army Service Ribbon; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2003 she was inducted into the prestigious Army Medical Department's
22 Order of Military Medical Merit; and

1 WHEREAS, Colonel Fryer is actively involved in civic, professional, and church activities;
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3 WHEREAS, she is a contributing author of *Nursing Care of the Elderly: Diagnosis,*
4 *Interventions and Outcomes* and serves on the Advancement Committee for the Medical
5 College of Georgia School of Nursing; and

6 WHEREAS, she has been featured in journals such as *Minority Nurse Magazine*, *MCG*
7 *Today*, and the James A. Haley Veterans Administration Forum. In addition, she was
8 featured in a New York Times interview (aired on public television) pertaining to her role
9 as Polytrauma Liaison Officer, as well as "The VA Polytrauma Centers Rebuilding Wounded
10 Lives: From Here to Home" (aired on military and VA television networks); and

11 WHEREAS, Colonel Fryer has one daughter, Gwendolyn Alexandria (Alex), who is an
12 honor student at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
14 the members of this body recognize the long and distinguished military career of Colonel
15 Gwendolyn Fryer and her contributions to the State of Georgia and the nation.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
17 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Colonel Gwendolyn Fryer.