

House Resolution 2068

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Mineral Springs Center on the occasion of its 35th anniversary; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mineral Springs Center opened its doors in Fannin County in 1973, to serve  
4 people with developmental disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, this private, nonprofit agency began as Fannin County Special Care Center and  
6 served people of all ages for its first 15 years of operation; and

7 WHEREAS, in the beginning, 16 children and adults were served by the center, and today  
8 the center serves 37 clients, all adults, with Gayle Harper as the director for the past 29 years;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the center was originally housed in a small building until its present quarters  
11 were built in 1978, on land donated by the Blue Ridge Kiwanis Club; and

12 WHEREAS, the families of the center's clients worked together with people in the public  
13 service and others in the community to make the center a reality; and

14 WHEREAS, Margaret and Bency Turner, Reba Campbell, Blanche Tilley, Dale Huddleston,  
15 then the editor of the Blue Ridge Summit Post, and the late Charles Kiker were people who  
16 worked hard early on to make the center a reality; and

17 WHEREAS, the center assists clients in finding employment and takes them on outings, with  
18 many people from the community providing special activities for the clients such as arts and  
19 crafts and dance lessons; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to recognize the outstanding  
21 contributions of Mineral Springs Center of Fannin County.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body join together to recognize Mineral Springs Center for the  
3 outstanding services it provides to citizens with developmental disabilities and commend the  
4 center on the celebration of its 35th anniversary.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is hereby  
6 authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mineral Springs  
7 Center.