

House Resolution 1762

By: Representative Ashe of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Susan McGee Bailey on the occasion of her retirement;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Susan McGee Bailey has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for her leadership in the field of education, her ability to challenge future leaders of this
5 nation, and her deep concern for the well-being of others; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey has diligently and conscientiously devoted her time, talents, and
7 energy for 25 years to the Wellesley Centers for Women (WCW), promoting important
8 feminist research and action programs that have been integral to the mission of Wellesley
9 College; and

10 WHEREAS, she earned a bachelor's degree from Wellesley College, master's and doctoral
11 degrees from the University of Michigan, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in public
12 health at Johns Hopkins University; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey joined Wellesley College's Center for Research on Women (CRW)
14 in 1985 and served as the organization's executive director for ten years before the CRW and
15 the Stone Center for Development Services and Studies at Wellesley College joined forces
16 to become the WCW; and

17 WHEREAS, as executive director of the WCW and professor of women's and gender studies
18 and education, Dr. Bailey's leadership has been instrumental in helping the WCW be a
19 positive influence on the lives of women around the world; and

20 WHEREAS, under Dr. Bailey's guidance, the WCW has become one of the largest and most
21 influential organizations conducting scholarly social science and developing action programs
22 centered on women's and girls' perspectives; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey has researched, lectured, and written extensively on issues of
24 gender-equitable education, women's rights, and parenting; and

25 WHEREAS, she is the principal author of *How Schools Shortchange Girls*, a groundbreaking
26 report that has influenced federal legislation on programs for girls in science and math,
27 shaped public discourse on related issues, and led to new community-based programs for
28 girls across the country; and

29 WHEREAS, although her daily presence at WCW will be sorely missed with her retirement,
30 her influence will be present for years to come through the many programs and policies she
31 was instrumental in establishing.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend Dr. Susan McGee Bailey for her years of efficient,
34 effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to the Wellesley Centers for Women; congratulate
35 her upon the grand occasion of her retirement; and extend to her their most sincere best
36 wishes for continued health and happiness.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Susan McGee Bailey.