

Senate Resolution 348

By: Senator Rogers of the 21st

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Lori Shackelford; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lori Shackelford has long been recognized for the vital role that she has  
3 played in her community and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens  
4 of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Shackelford is the small business owner of Consider it Done...Your  
6 Personal Assistant, where she utilizes her skills in organization and scheduling to earn a  
7 living; and

8 WHEREAS, this kindhearted and magnanimous woman has also developed the Agape Love  
9 Servants (ALS) ministry at First Baptist Church of Woodstock and has inspired the creation  
10 of Lyla's House, a Christian Hospice in Cherokee County; and

11 WHEREAS, after hearing stories of struggle from families in her church congregation  
12 dealing with terminal illness, Mrs. Shackelford was motivated to help and organized a group  
13 of volunteers at the church to assist Lyla and Albert Stone after he was diagnosed with  
14 terminal lung cancer; and

15 WHEREAS, by ensuring that the everyday tasks that are often overlooked by a family  
16 affected by illness, like yard work, grocery shopping, and other errands, are completed, Mrs.  
17 Shackelford gave the Stones precious time together with less worry; and

18 WHEREAS, after Mr. Stone passed away, Mrs. Shackelford vowed to continue her ministry  
19 and developed ALS in memory and honor of Albert Lee Stone in order to provide similar  
20 services to other members of the church in need; and

21 WHEREAS, the ALS ministry has cared for 27 families, has a volunteer base of over 50  
22 dedicated individuals, and has led to the formation of Mrs. Shackleford's second selfless  
23 project inspired by the Stones, Lyla's House, a free Christian hospice; and

24 WHEREAS, the goal of Lyla's House is to seek donations from churches, civic groups,  
25 corporations, foundations, businesses, and individuals in order to provide no cost,  
26 compassionate hospice care to the terminally ill in the name of Christianity and kindness; and

27 WHEREAS, in recognition of Mrs. Shackleford's vision and generosity, she has been named  
28 *TowneLaker* magazine's Pathfinder of the Year; and

29 WHEREAS, Mrs. Shackleford has been united in love and marriage to her best friend,  
30 Charlie, for 24 years and enjoys spending time with her children, Zach, Nich, Meghan, and  
31 daughter-in-law Jenna, and her remarkable dog, Ace; and

32 WHEREAS, the benevolent and honorable deeds of this charitable woman serve as a shining  
33 example of volunteerism, and the State of Georgia is honored and blessed to have Mrs.  
34 Shackleford as a citizen.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
36 commend Mrs. Lori Shackleford on her inspiring and glorious work and congratulate her on  
37 the honorable distinction of being named *TowneLaker* magazine's Pathfinder of the Year.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Lori Shackleford.