

## Senate Resolution 516

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Buckner of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, Orrock of the 36th, Douglas of the 17th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Joanne Mulvaney; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Joanne Mulvaney's vision, creativity, and determination are responsible  
3 for the awe-inspiring Veterans Wall of Honor in McDonough, Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a United States navy veteran and graduate of the United States Navy Dental  
5 Technology School, during her military career, Mrs. Mulvaney was stationed at the National  
6 Naval Dental-Medical Command in Bethesda, Maryland; and
- 7 WHEREAS, when Mrs. Mulvaney was three-months pregnant, she fled Maryland to her  
8 parent's home in Florida to escape a violent husband she feared would harm herself and her  
9 unborn child; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a welfare success story, Mrs. Mulvaney worked diligently to gain financial  
11 independence and get off government assistance, attending night classes at a local  
12 community college in central Florida to earn an associate's degree and going on to earn a  
13 bachelor's degree from the University of Central Florida; and
- 14 WHEREAS, while living in Florida, Mrs. Mulvaney volunteered her time helping victims  
15 of violent crime and domestic violence; and
- 16 WHEREAS, a survivor of domestic violence herself, Mrs. Mulvaney worked tirelessly to  
17 raise funds for several battered women's shelters in central Florida, and her commitment was  
18 recognized by the Florida Academy of Trial Attorneys with a nomination for the Governor's  
19 Peace at Home Award; and
- 20 WHEREAS, in 1996, Mrs. Mulvaney moved to Henry County, Georgia, where she worked  
21 for several years as an advocate for veterans health and nursing home reform; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mulvaney had a vision to create a national monument that would pay  
23 tribute to the great sacrifices made by the veterans of World War II, and she shared her idea  
24 with her father, World War II Veteran Joseph Consalvo; and

25 WHEREAS, upon her father's insistence, Mrs. Mulvaney changed her plans to include all  
26 active duty troops and veterans from across the nation who have served as guardians of  
27 freedom and liberty in both times of war and peace; and

28 WHEREAS, determined to make her and her father's dreams a reality, Mrs. Mulvaney  
29 campaigned vigilantly for the monument and gained support and sponsorship from the  
30 American Legion Post 33 of Stockbridge and created the Veterans Wall of Honor Board of  
31 Directors; and

32 WHEREAS, in March, 2004, with the help of Henry County Commissioner Jason Harper,  
33 the Henry County Board of Commissioners approved the donation of 2.5 acres of Heritage  
34 Park for use for Mrs. Mulvaney's monument; and

35 WHEREAS, the Veterans Wall of Honor was revealed to the public during a dedication  
36 event on November 11, 2008, and serves as an inspiring and emotionally moving tribute to  
37 all men and women of the armed forces, past and present; and

38 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mulvaney currently lives in Stockbridge with her second husband, Jerry,  
39 and she is proud to leave behind a legacy of honor and remembrance for future generations,  
40 including her three sons, Adam, Daniel, and Shawn.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
42 commend Mrs. Joanne Mulvaney on her vision and determination in the creation of a new  
43 national treasure with the Veterans Wall of Honor.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
45 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Joanne Mulvaney.