

House Resolution 597

By: Representatives Hill of the 21st and Byrd of the 20th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Colonel Tonya R. Boylan; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Colonel Tonya R. Boylan has long been recognized by the citizens of this
3 nation for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment
4 to the welfare of the citizens of the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, a graduate of Longwood College and Berry College, Colonel Boylan serves as
6 commander of the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol; and

7 WHEREAS, Colonel Boylan has consistently volunteered her services, time, and resources
8 with the Georgia Civil Air Patrol, which serves as an intricate component of our national
9 defense by conducting missions in homeland security, counter drug, disaster relief, and
10 search and rescue; and

11 WHEREAS, she has served in a variety of positions within the Georgia Wing ranging from
12 public affairs officer to inspector general and is the first female commander of the Georgia
13 Wing; and

14 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol was founded on December 1, 1941, as an organization of
15 volunteers to assist the United States military in national defense by performing aerial coastal
16 patrols and emergency services within the continental United States; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol consists of over 2,000 volunteer
18 members in 42 squadrons and six groups located throughout this state; and

19 WHEREAS, Colonel Boylan has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades
20 during her career with the Civil Air Patrol, including a Meritorious Service Award with one
21 bronze clasp, a Commander's Commendation with one bronze clasp, a unit citation, a

22 Benjamin O. Davis Award, a Paul E. Garber Award, a Grover Loening Award, a Gill Robb
23 Wilson Award, and six Commander's Coins of Excellence; and

24 WHEREAS, she has been united in love and marriage to her husband, Philip Boylan, for 33
25 wonderful years and Colonel Boylan, her husband, and her two sons, Philip and Thomas, are
26 all members of the Civil Air Patrol; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
28 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend Colonel Tonya R. Boylan for her efficient, effective,
31 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of this country and this state.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Colonel Tonya R. Boylan.