

## House Resolution 883

By: Representatives Coomer of the 14<sup>th</sup>, Battles of the 15<sup>th</sup>, and Jasperse of the 12<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Patty Eagar; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Patty Eagar has enriched and transformed the lives of thousands of  
3 children in Bartow County and the State of Georgia through her leadership in the Advocates  
4 for Children organization, overseeing the program's growth from its infancy to an agency that  
5 provides eight primary and critical services for the children of Bartow County; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Eagar organized and directed new programs in Court Appointed Special  
7 Advocates, Supervised Family Visitation, A Better Way Children's Advocacy Center,  
8 Rainbows, Project Safe Place, and First Steps; and

9 WHEREAS, she added volunteer coordinator and development director positions to the  
10 organization to increase service capacity to the children of Bartow County and Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Eagar, with her entrepreneurial spirit, business savvy, and tireless efforts,  
12 has raised awareness of the issue of child abuse and has faithfully sought to enrich the  
13 program through fundraising efforts such as the now famous Bartow County Duck Derby and  
14 numerous other events; and

15 WHEREAS, since joining Advocates as executive director in June, 1997, Mrs. Eagar has  
16 helped the organization raise over \$5 million in private, non-government contributions from  
17 more than 4,200 individual donors and recruited over 1,000 volunteers to work as Court  
18 Appointed Special Advocates, mentors, and helpers in the organization's many youth  
19 assistance programs; and

20 WHEREAS, through Mrs. Eagar's visionary leadership, Advocates' premier fundraising  
21 event, the Duck Derby, has facilitated the sale of hundreds of thousands of Derby Ducks and  
22 brought tens of thousands of visitors to Bartow County to attend the Duck Derby festivities;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, she has created a strong support base through excellent relationships with  
25 Bartow County, Northwest Georgia, and corporations and local businesses and has enlisted  
26 the support of influential community leaders to further serve children and Advocates'  
27 mission; and

28 WHEREAS, Advocates for Children now serves nearly 2,500 children every year under the  
29 leadership of this extraordinary woman; and

30 WHEREAS, Mrs. Eagar has been united in love and marriage to her husband, Bill, for 34  
31 wonderful years and is the proud mother of four children and grandmother of three; and

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

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body commend Mrs. Patty Eagar for her selfless, effective, and  
36 dedicated service to the children of Bartow County and the State of Georgia.

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 Mrs. Patty Eagar.