

## House Resolution 1079

By: Representatives Ashe of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Gardner of the 57<sup>th</sup>, Kaiser of the 59<sup>th</sup>, and Lindsey of the 54<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Susan McNeill Mendheim on the occasion of her  
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Susan McNeill Mendheim has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
4 state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment  
5 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,  
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced  
8 dramatically by her 29 years of superlative service with the Midtown Alliance; and

9 WHEREAS, as president and CEO of Midtown Alliance, Ms. Mendheim has helped lead  
10 efforts to transform the Midtown Atlanta area from a blighted, crime-ridden area into a  
11 vibrant and vital community, which enjoys a growing reputation as a model for new  
12 urbanism and economic growth; and

13 WHEREAS, under her leadership, Midtown Alliance launched the community-wide planning  
14 effort, Blueprint Midtown, an award-winning plan that has generated over \$1.5 billion in  
15 private investment, 10,000 new residential units, nine million square feet of office space, and  
16 over 800,000 square feet of retail space; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Mendheim is responsible for the creation of a Midtown Improvement  
18 District, which enables commercial property owners to tax themselves to pay for specific  
19 initiatives, which currently funds a 24-hour private police force, an environmental  
20 maintenance program, and a transportation management association; and

21 WHEREAS, she has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including the  
22 Dan Sweat Community Leadership Award from ULI/Atlanta and the Civic Leadership

23 Award from the Building Owners and Managers Association, and was named a Most  
24 Influential Atlantan by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*; and

25 WHEREAS, a native of Atlanta, Ms. Mendheim graduated from Emory University and is the  
26 proud mother of two remarkable daughters, Kristin and Elizabeth, and grandmother of two  
27 delightful grandchildren; and

28 WHEREAS, Ms. Mendheim has served with honor and distinction with the Midtown  
29 Alliance, and her vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon the occasion  
30 of her retirement; and

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body commend Ms. Susan McNeill Mendheim for her efficient,  
35 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate her  
36 upon the grand occasion of her retirement; and extend to her their most sincere best wishes  
37 for continued health and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Susan McNeill  
40 Mendheim.