

House Resolution 1302

By: Representative Welch of the 110th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the second week in November as Kindness Week at the capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on March 1, 2004, Henry County native Hunter J. Welch, son of Kit & Buddy
4 Welch, died at the young age of twelve; and

5 WHEREAS, Hunter Welch was known in his school and church as a tender-hearted, kind and
6 helpful young man; and

7 WHEREAS, initially in memory of Hunter's life and to pass on their gratitude to the Henry
8 County community for the kindness shown to Hunter and shown to his family after Hunter's
9 passing, his parents, Kit and Buddy Welch, started "Kindness Works – Pass It On" Week in
10 Henry County on the 1st anniversary of Hunter's Birthday; and

11 WHEREAS, with the assistance of Kathy & Kelly Lee, Ray & Suzette Rainer, Julie Royston,
12 Ruth Rucker, Debbie Withers, Debbie Duffey, Shelia Wright, Sylvia Burch and many other
13 dear friends, "Kindness Works – Pass It On" Week has become an annual event, celebrated
14 during the second week of November in schools and churches through-out Henry County:
15 and

16 WHEREAS, as a way of passing kindness on, Cindy Carter, Dana Fessler and Kit Welch, in
17 conjunction with volunteers from the McDonough Christian Church, McDonough
18 Presbyterian Church and others work together to provide the "Kindness Works Christmas
19 Party for Special Needs Children" – the 2nd Saturday in December during the Christmas
20 season when volunteers provide a safe place for special-needs children to play and fellowship
21 while their parents shop for Christmas presents; and

22 WHEREAS, also in memory of Hunter Welch and to pass kindness on to future children of
23 Henry County, Carey & Paulette Bunn and Family donated parkland to Henry County for

24 dedication as "Hunter's Wilderness", and in conjunction therewith, James & Coralice
25 Henderson, Sr. and Family established the Hunter's Wilderness Foundation to ensure the
26 long-term preservation of said parkland; and

27 WHEREAS, "Kindness Works – Pass It On" Week is recognized annually by the Henry
28 County Board of Commissioners, the Henry County Board of Education and its schools, the
29 Cities of Hampton, Locust Grove, McDonough, and Stockbridge, the Henry County Water
30 & Sewerage Authority and the Henry County Court systems.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend the kind works of these individuals, entities and
33 churches of Henry County, encourage other communities in our great state to do the same,
34 and recognize the second week in November as Kindness Week for the State of Georgia.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Henry County.