

## House Resolution 1531

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Purcell of the 159<sup>th</sup>, Watson of the 163<sup>rd</sup>, Gordon of the 162<sup>nd</sup>, and Atwood of the 179<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Marie H. Roberts on the occasion of her retirement; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Marie H. Roberts has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
4 vital role she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of  
5 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 superlative service with the Georgia Port Authority; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Port Authority operates deepwater seaport facilities in Savannah  
10 and Brunswick and inland barge terminals in Bainbridge and Columbus, and is regarded as  
11 one of the most successful and respected port authorities in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, Marie H. Roberts has been committed to the mission of GPA and contributed  
13 immeasurably to the success of the Authority and the economic growth of the State of  
14 Georgia throughout her career; and

15 WHEREAS, she has spent over 27 years serving the GPA in increasing levels of  
16 responsibility and has consistently sacrificed personal time and given freely to the  
17 organization; and

18 WHEREAS, she has been a leader in overseeing the dramatic rise of Savannah to the fourth  
19 busiest container port in the United States and Brunswick to the fifth largest auto port in the  
20 nation; and

21 WHEREAS, Marie H. Roberts has been the point person for numerous property acquisitions,  
22 developments, and port financing programs during her tenure with the GPA; and

23 WHEREAS, she has been a valuable asset to the General Assembly and the Governor's  
24 office, as well as agencies and departments throughout the state government, and is widely  
25 recognized as an expert in state law, policy, and financing; and

26 WHEREAS, her work ethic, moral direction, and character are recognized and appreciated  
27 by government, business, and civic leaders throughout the State of Georgia.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body recognize Marie H. Roberts for her service to the State of Georgia  
30 throughout her distinguished career with the Georgia Port Authority, congratulate her upon  
31 the grand occasion of her retirement, and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for  
32 continued health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Marie H. Roberts.