

Senate Resolution 1368

By: Senator Miller of the 49th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Veterans and Community Outreach Foundation; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Veterans and Community Outreach Foundation (VCOF) was founded as  
4 Antioch Veterans Outreach in Antioch Baptist Church's basement in 1985 and provided  
5 veterans support, Saturday youth ministry, and street ministry; and

6 WHEREAS, over the years, VCOF has partnered with the City of Gainesville in a parenting  
7 program, the Gainesville State College Black Student Association, Hall County courts,  
8 Gainesville City School System, and the Hispanic Basketball League, and joined with the  
9 grassroots organization Concerned Citizens of Gainesville/Hall County; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2000, VCOF expanded to its current location, the C.C. Cloud Youth Center,  
11 through a total renovation capital project funded by the Monroe Foundation, First Baptist  
12 Church, corporate sponsors, and individual donors, and awarded college scholarships to  
13 program participants; and

14 WHEREAS, VCOF's mission is to promote positive quality of life for economically  
15 disadvantaged youth and their families, honored veterans, and current/ex-offenders through  
16 social services and community activities; and

17 WHEREAS, youth programs at VCOF include after school, summer camps, and community  
18 weekend recreation, providing structured educational, art, recreational, and intervention  
19 programming; and

20 WHEREAS, the youth programs emphasize leadership, development, community  
21 engagement, and service to others; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
23 distinguished organization be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 commend the Veterans and Community Outreach Foundation for its many contributions to  
26 the citizens of the State of Georgia.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Veterans and Community Outreach  
29 Foundation.