

## House Resolution 52EX

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26<sup>th</sup>, Collins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Mills of the 25<sup>th</sup>, and Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Nell Welchel Wiegand; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Nell Welchel Wiegand on May 16, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Nell Welchel Walker was born on August 10, 1928, in Gainesville, Georgia,  
5 a beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Pickney Welchel and graduate of the  
6 University of Georgia; and
- 7 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Wiegand was an active member of  
8 Gainesville First United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school and served on  
9 numerous committees; and
- 10 WHEREAS, lovingly known as "Nell," she was a community volunteer extraordinaire,  
11 founding The Northeast Georgia Medical Center Auxiliary, where she served in nearly every  
12 capacity; she was also the founding chairperson of the Northeast Georgia Medical Center  
13 Foundation and was a member of the Hospital Authority, Brenau University Board of  
14 Trustees, Junior League of Gainesville-Hall County, and other organizations too numerous  
15 to list; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Nell received many accolades for her accomplishments, including Rotary  
17 Woman of the Year, Girl Scouts 2003 Woman of Distinction, Ralph Cleveland Distinguished  
18 Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts in 2009, Northeast Georgia Medical Center Auxilian of  
19 the Year, and Auxiliary's Patient Friend Award, which was named in her honor in 2001; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Nell Welchel was united in love and marriage to Frank Wiegand and was  
21 blessed with two remarkable children, Mary Beth and Ginny, and six gifted grandchildren;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, her warm smile, words of comfort, and encouragement were her trademark  
24 qualities, and she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
25 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
26 her family and friends were admired by others; and

27 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
28 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,  
29 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Nell Welchel Wiegand will long be  
31 remembered for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal wife, mother, grandmother,  
32 sister, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Nell Welchel Wiegand  
35 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Nell Welchel  
38 Wiegand.