

## House Resolution 136EX

By: Representatives Maxwell of the 17<sup>th</sup> and Braddock of the 19<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Paulding Christmas, Inc., and the work that it does; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Paulding Christmas, Inc., is a nonprofit organization which provides toys to  
4 needy children in Paulding County and was initially established in 1986, serving 700 children  
5 from infants to age 12 that first year; and

6 WHEREAS, to raise funds, the organization sells balloons at the annual Dallas Christmas  
7 Parade and sells funnel cakes at the annual Paulding Meadows Arts and Crafts Festival, and  
8 in 1993, it began its annual "Pennies for Paulding" drive within the county school system,  
9 held in November of each year; and

10 WHEREAS, for the "Pennies for Paulding" drive, schoolchildren make monetary donations,  
11 which in 1993 totaled over \$1,427.51, enabling the organization to serve 750 children that  
12 year; and

13 WHEREAS, during the "Pennies for Paulding" fundraiser, the organization recognizes each  
14 of the schools participating and gives special recognition for the classes or grades that raise  
15 the most money; and

16 WHEREAS, through these fundraising efforts, in 2010, the organization was able to serve  
17 approximately 1,500 children; and

18 WHEREAS, current and past board members, which are integral to the success of the  
19 organization, include: Betty Clark, Sharon Davis, Pam Fennell, Darlene Golden, Denise  
20 Johnston, Louise Knapp, Joyce Langston, Susan Lester, Barbara McCommons, Linda Meeks,  
21 Vickie Paris, Paula Parker, Christy Ragsdale, Shirley Smith, Beth Spears, and JoAnn Zebeau;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, these ladies have put in countless hours over the years and made personal  
24 sacrifices beyond measure; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine  
26 organization and its numerous contributions to the children and families of Paulding County  
27 be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body commend the dedicated efforts of Paulding Christmas, Inc., to  
30 brighten the Christmas holidays for children in need.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Paulding Christmas, Inc.