

House Resolution 637

By: Representatives Dickey of the 140th, Holmes of the 129th, and Peake of the 141st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Aretha Watts Neal on the occasion of her retirement from the
2 Hospital Authority of Monroe County; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Aretha Watts Neal was appointed to the governing board of the Monroe County
4 Hospital Authority in 1984 and has served continuously and faithfully through her final
5 five-year appointment which concluded on December 31, 2012; and

6 WHEREAS, she was presented with the 2013 Georgia Hospital Association's (GHA)
7 Distinguished Service Award during the GHA annual membership meeting in February of
8 this year for her outstanding contributions to health care and service to Monroe County,
9 Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, for the past 28 years, she has graciously accepted numerous reappointments in
11 order to continue her role on the hospital authority, and she has contributed countless hours
12 of her time and talent to the health and well-being of her community and to the improvement
13 and preservation of the local health care delivery system; and

14 WHEREAS, Aretha Neal has governed, led, and inspired the oversight of many
15 developments, having held every hospital authority officer's position, including secretary,
16 vice chairman, and chairman; and

17 WHEREAS, her supreme leadership and organizational talents have contributed to the
18 growth of Monroe County Hospital's services, including surgical care, imaging modalities,
19 rehabilitation services, physician recruitment, a rural health care center, care and comfort to
20 the indigent and medically needy, community health fair events, and much more; and

21 WHEREAS, this distinguished individual has served with and mentored the last four
22 administrators during her tenure; and

23 WHEREAS, she is a lifelong community member who is loved, respected, and admired by
24 all who know her, and her exemplary passion and commitment to promoting good
25 community health is celebrated by this resolution.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend and recognize Aretha Neal for her devotion to her
28 community, recognize her on the grand occasion of her retirement, and extend their sincere
29 best wishes for her continued health and happiness.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Aretha Watts Neal.