

House Resolution 778

By: Representative Fludd of the 64th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mike and Cheryl Cater for 25 years of service as house
2 parents at Christian City Home for Children; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in October of 1987, Mike and Cheryl Cater and their four children made a
4 family commitment to serve the Lord and moved to Christian City Home for Children to be
5 house parents; and

6 WHEREAS, Christian City is an organization dedicated to providing children with the vital
7 example of a nuclear family, recruiting husband and wife teams across the country whose
8 mission is to love children unconditionally and to instill in them the conviction that they are
9 lovable and worthy and have value; and

10 WHEREAS, the organization has a 100 percent high school graduation rate for the children
11 it services, many of whom remain at Christian City as they earn college degrees; and

12 WHEREAS, the program differs from foster care in that no child can be removed from a
13 home because of bad behavior, and as a result, the children can glean both a sense of stability
14 and the knowledge that loving families stay together; and

15 WHEREAS, Mike and Cheryl have touched the lives of more than 100 children through their
16 patience, compassion, and commitment to providing children with the stability and love they
17 deserve; and

18 WHEREAS, the couple is currently taking care of seven boys, performing tasks such as
19 laundry, school activities, church therapy, and family time, all tasks that they have
20 undertaken for 25 years with the knowledge that all of their work and devotion helps these
21 children regain their faith in family, safety, and themselves; and

22 WHEREAS, Mike and Cheryl have given 25 years of their time, talents, and love to the
23 children of Christian City Home for Children, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that
24 their selflessness and dedication be recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize Mike and Cheryl Cater on 25 years of service as house
27 parents at Christian City Home for Children, commend them for giving so many children
28 from difficult walks of life the ability to laugh, love, and trust again, and extend their sincere
29 best wishes for their 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 Mike and Cheryl Cater.