

House Resolution 789

By: Representative Mayo of the 84<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Ms. Ashley Philicia Victoria Stroud on receiving the State of Georgia and the  
2 Northeast Georgia "Family Caregiver of the Year" award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving awarded Ms. Ashley Philicia  
4 Victoria Stroud the State of Georgia and the Northeast Georgia "Family Caregiver of the  
5 Year" award for her dedicated assistance to those in need; and

6 WHEREAS, inheriting caregiving traits from her mother, Angela Stroud, Ashley took on the  
7 role of caregiver for her father, Phillip Stroud, while still in high school; and

8 WHEREAS, she continued to help him throughout her undergraduate studies at West  
9 Georgia College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology, by taking him to  
10 doctor appointments, communicating medical needs with doctors, arranging services, and  
11 applying and securing VA and Medicare benefits for him; and

12 WHEREAS, even after he was placed in an assisted living facility, she continued to work  
13 with his doctors on his care and eating habits in order to help control his diabetes and high  
14 blood pressure; and

15 WHEREAS, when her mother and grandmother, Mrs. Lois Riley, were struck with serious  
16 illnesses, Ashley stepped right in and starting taking care of them while going through every  
17 type of training she could find, including a class by the National Alliance on Mental Illness  
18 and 30 hours of professional development classes with the Alzheimer's Association of  
19 Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, she is currently a graduate student at the University of Georgia where she is  
21 working to obtain a master's degree in social work and serves as a healthcare patient family  
22 advocate at Emory University; and she is also a "Time to Talk" peer to peer emotional and  
23 resource counselor with the Alzheimer's Association; and

24 WHEREAS, this distinguished individual is the past president of the DeKalb National  
25 Alliance of Mental Illness; and

26 WHEREAS, at just 25 years old, she has been described as a "caregiver extraordinaire" who  
27 unselfishly dedicated innumerable hours of her time and love to take care of those who  
28 needed her the most, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that she be appropriately  
29 recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body congratulate Ms. Ashley Philicia Victoria Stroud on receiving the  
32 State of Georgia and the Northeast Georgia "Family Caregiver of the Year" award.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Ashley Philicia Victoria  
35 Stroud.