

House Resolution 1214

By: Representative Stephens of the 164th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ann R. Purcell and inviting her to be recognized by the House of
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ann R. Purcell, member of the State Transportation Board and former State
4 Representative, has been honored by the Federal Republic of Germany with its prestigious
5 Cross of the Order of Merit for her efforts in building cultural and economic bridges between
6 Germany and the State of Georgia over the last several years; and

7 WHEREAS, the Cross of the Order of Merit is awarded by the President of Germany and
8 represents one of the most supreme distinctions the Federal Republic of Germany can confer
9 upon individuals, whether German or foreign; and

10 WHEREAS, the award was instituted in 1951 by Federal President Theodor Heuss and is the
11 only honor that may be awarded in all fields of endeavor; it is the highest tribute that can be
12 paid to individuals for service to the nation; and

13 WHEREAS, on behalf of the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Consul General
14 Christoph Sander conferred the Cross of the Order of Merit on Mrs. Purcell at a ceremony
15 held in Atlanta; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Purcell's many activities were highlighted, including her involvement as
17 President of the Georgia Salzburger Society, her visit to the many areas of Germany and
18 Austria, her address at the annual meeting of the German Salzburger Verein E.V. in Berlin,
19 and her involvement in the monument erected to honor Reverend Johann Martin Boltzius;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, during the ceremony, Consul General Sander expressed his appreciation to Mrs.
22 Purcell for her cooperation over many years in fostering German-American friendship in
23 Georgia; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Purcell has visited the prestigious Francke Foundation in Halle, Germany,
25 and worked with Dr. Thomas Mueller Bahike, Director, to promote the publication of books
26 about the lives of the first settlers in Ebenezer, Georgia, and has hosted many groups of
27 German visitors to the State of Georgia.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Ann R. Purcell on receiving the prestigious Cross of the
30 Order of Merit and invite her to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and
31 time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ann R. Purcell.