

House Resolution 1553

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Willard of the 51st, Dollar of the 45th, Jacobs of the 80th, Lindsey of the 54th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Eva Galambos; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, in 2005, residents of Sandy Springs voted overwhelmingly to incorporate the
3 city and, with the same enthusiasm, elected Dr. Eva Galambos as the city's first mayor; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mayor Eva Galambos holds a Ph.D. in economics from Georgia State
5 University, a master's degree in labor and industrial relations from the University of Illinois,
6 and a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Georgia; and
- 7 WHEREAS, under Mayor Galambos' leadership, the City of Sandy Springs has become
8 nationally and internationally recognized for its public-private model of providing city
9 services by outsourcing most employees to the private sector; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she ensured that Sandy Springs would make significant progress in economic
11 development by forming an economic development committee in 2011 with members drawn
12 from leadership throughout the business community; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the city invested more than \$18 million in recreation facilities, including the
14 creation of three new parks, all without an increase in the tax rate; and
- 15 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Mayor Galambos, Sandy Springs has funded more than
16 \$100 million into improvement projects, including paving more than 147 miles of roads, 42
17 intersection improvement projects, installing more than 30 miles of sidewalk, and more than
18 874 storm-water repairs; and
- 19 WHEREAS, prior to becoming mayor of Georgia's sixth largest city, Dr. Eva Galambos was
20 president of the Committee for Sandy Springs from 1975-2005; and

21 WHEREAS, prominent businesses have chosen to locate or expand in Sandy Springs over
22 the past several years, such as the Indian Consulate, AirWatch, and the Intercontinental
23 Exchange; and

24 WHEREAS, Mayor Galambos is a retired economist who specialized in urban finance and
25 labor economics and has served as an arbitrator, resolving disputes between labor and
26 management; and

27 WHEREAS, she has also served as co-founder and former secretary of Sandy Springs
28 Revitalization; founder of Sandy Springs Clean and Beautiful; chairwoman of the Services
29 Committee for the Sandy Springs Council of Neighborhoods; chairwoman of the Fulton
30 County Public Housing Authority; and founder of the Sandy Springs Civic Roundtable; and

31 WHEREAS, under Mayor Galambos, the city led a community-wide process to plan the
32 future of its downtown area, which was approved in late 2012 with the first implementation
33 now underway; and

34 WHEREAS, Dr. Eva Galambos is married to Dr. John Galambos, a retired
35 gastroenterologist, and is the proud mother of three adult children and grandmother to six
36 grandchildren; in her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, hiking, and
37 gardening.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Eva Galambos for her countless
40 contributions to the City of Sandy Springs and to this great state.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Eva Galambos.