

House Resolution 441

By: Representative Dudgeon of the 25<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Maribeth Cooper for her contributions to her community; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Maribeth Cooper is a patriotic eighth grader at Riverwatch Middle School in  
4 Forsyth County; and

5 WHEREAS, Maribeth is a member of Change 4 Georgia, a community service program that  
6 provides students with opportunities to honor our soldiers and veterans for their service,  
7 dedication, and sacrifice; and

8 WHEREAS, Change 4 Georgia's objective is to encourage students to get involved in their  
9 community, demonstrate loyalty to their country, and actively assist our military; and

10 WHEREAS, students collect supplies for soldiers from their "Wish List" that are not readily  
11 available or provided but that add comfort and fit in their backpacks, such as snacks,  
12 batteries, and books; and

13 WHEREAS, families of soldiers are also provided school supplies, backpacks, food,  
14 clothing, and diapers, and military families are adopted during the holidays and provided  
15 toys, clothing, and food; and

16 WHEREAS, Change 4 Georgia provides scholarships to student veterans at local colleges  
17 for their extraordinary efforts in going above and beyond the call of duty; and

18 WHEREAS, Maribeth has consistently participated in annual fundraisers, always meeting  
19 the goals, in order to assist troops, veterans, and their families, many times exceeding  
20 expectations in sales; and

21 WHEREAS, she is a member of the National Charity League, which provides volunteer  
22 services to Change 4 Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, she is a project director for Flower Power, in which she participates in pick up  
24 and delivery by Change 4 Georgia members of floral arrangements from Fresh Market to  
25 senior homes, where there are many veterans, in order to brighten their day; and

26 WHEREAS, some of Change 4 Georgia's programs include Wish List Drives, Dynamite  
27 Diaper Duty Drives, Friendly Food Drives, Operation Oatmeal, Suds 4 Soldiers Car Wash  
28 and Bake Sale, Read Across Forsyth, Building By Books, It's A Wrap, and the Terrific Toy  
29 Drive.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body commend Maribeth Cooper for her tireless dedication to helping  
32 those around her and her extensive work with Change 4 Georgia.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
35 Maribeth Cooper.