

House Resolution 535

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st and Quick of the 117th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Margaret Duncan Ward on her outstanding service to her
2 community; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Margaret Duncan Ward has long been recognized by the citizens of this
4 state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment
5 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Ward was born on February 3, 1931, in Nicholson, Georgia, to Charlie and
7 Maude Duncan; she is a 1948 graduate of Benton High School in Nicholson where she was
8 valedictorian; she is a lifelong United Methodist and a mother of three children, Pam, Chery,
9 and Jon; she is also the grandmother of six wonderful grandchildren and five
10 great-grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
12 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced
13 dramatically by her superlative service with the Jackson County School System since 1979,
14 serving as secretary for Jackson County Comprehensive High School for 19 years and
15 attendance clerk for eight years; she is presently attendance clerk at East Jackson
16 Comprehensive High School; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Ward has been active in her church through United Methodist Women,
18 administrative boards, and vacation bible school, and she has served as Sunday School
19 teacher and superintendent, UMYF leader, and volunteer at the North Georgia United
20 Methodist Church Annual Conference; she has also served as a volunteer leader for Brownie,
21 Girl, and Cub Scouts; 4-H and FFA; and local and county recreation, including Little League;
22 she coordinated care packages and letter writing support to soldiers during the Vietnam War
23 as well as letters to support the release of prisoners of war during the Vietnam War; and

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Ward served as the Nicholson Recreation Director and was the first woman
25 to serve on the Jackson County Board of Education; she chaired the Nicholson committee
26 to celebrate America's Bicentennial in 1976, co-chaired the Jackson County Bicentennial
27 Committee in 1996, co-chaired the committee to Resurrect Hurricane Shoals covered bridge,
28 chaired the Nicholson Centennial Committee in 2007, co-chaired the annual City of
29 Nicholson Salute to Veterans, and co-chaired the Historic African-American Cross Roads
30 School Restoration Committee; and

31 WHEREAS, Ms. Ward's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable
32 patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the
33 citizens of this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and
34 associates; and

35 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
36 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body commend Ms. Margaret Duncan Ward for her efficient, effective,
39 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend to her their most
40 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ms.
43 Margaret Duncan Ward.