

House Resolution 552

By: Representatives Houston of the 170th, Holmes of the 129th, Greene of the 151st, Parrish of the 158th, Sims of the 123rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Linda Womack; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Linda Womack on February 28, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she was born in Millen, Georgia, on December 1, 1951, the daughter of Robbie
5 and Geraldine Womack; and
- 6 WHEREAS, her passion for life, family, friends, and her work was felt by those around her
7 who were uplifted by her caring and kind nature; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Linda Womack graduated from Middle Georgia College and Georgia Southern
9 University before she began her career in Washington, D.C., where she served on the staff
10 of her own member of Congress from Georgia, working in the areas of constituent services
11 and special projects; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she worked in governmental and public affairs for more than 40 years, and she
13 spent the past 15 years working in health care; and
- 14 WHEREAS, she was the director of state government affairs at Emory University for the past
15 15 years, where she served as Emory's voice with elected officials at the state level on issues
16 that affected academics, medical research, higher education, health care, students, and
17 patients; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Linda Womack has been credited with key behind the scenes work that helped
19 prevent Grady Memorial Hospital from closing down in recent years; and

20 WHEREAS, prior to joining Emory University, she served as state government regional
21 manager for the Warner Lambert company, where she was responsible for ten Southeastern
22 states; and

23 WHEREAS, she represented Warner Lambert before state legislatures, Medicaid agencies,
24 boards of pharmacy and medicine, and other health care agencies and regulatory bodies, and
25 she developed appropriate legislative and regulatory strategies on legislation and regulations;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, while at Warner Lambert, Linda Womack was twice honored as a recipient in
28 the Winners Circle program, designed to acknowledge the company's very top performers,
29 and she received the National Management Achievement Award and served as both chair and
30 vice chair of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association's Georgia Task
31 Force; and

32 WHEREAS, Linda Womack worked in the electric utility industry for 17 years, where she
33 established the first Governmental Affairs Department for Oglethorpe Power and was
34 responsible for legislative and regulatory proposals and analyzing and formulating company
35 policy and position; and

36 WHEREAS, Linda Womack was a member of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce
37 Governmental Affairs Council for 33 years, and she served as chair of that council for a
38 two-year term; and

39 WHEREAS, she chaired the Georgia Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Council's
40 Labor and Employment Committee and was a member of the Health, Judiciary, Education,
41 and General Business Committees; and

42 WHEREAS, Linda Womack served on the Wesley Woods Long Term Care Hospital Board
43 and on the Mental Health and Aging Policy Committee, a coalition of individuals
44 representing organizations in Georgia that are committed to issues affecting aging and mental
45 health; and

46 WHEREAS, she was a member of the Georgia Hospital Association's Lobbying Committee
47 and worked with the Medical Association of Georgia and specialty societies including
48 Georgia Society of Ophthalmology, Georgia Association of Anesthesiology, Georgia Chapter

49 American Society of Pediatrics, Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association, Georgia College
50 of Emergency Physicians, and Georgia Radiological Society; and

51 WHEREAS, Linda Womack worked with the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians and
52 health advocacy groups that include the Georgia chapters of the American Cancer Society,
53 American Heart Association, the Diabetes Foundation, the National Alliance for the Mentally
54 Ill, and Families First of Georgia; and

55 WHEREAS, Linda Womack, as a friend to this body and an advocate for the citizens of this
56 state, devoted her life to making the State of Georgia a better place in which to live and
57 worked tirelessly towards that goal for more than 40 years; and

58 WHEREAS, she had an outstanding reputation for integrity, professionalism, and knowledge,
59 and this beloved sister, devoted friend, and tireless advocate was utterly devoted to her work,
60 to her family, her friends, and the citizens of Georgia.

61 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
62 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Linda Womack and
63 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
65 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
66 family of Linda Womack.