

House Resolution 675

By: Representative Kelley of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Estella Lavonne McDermott as a 2015 honoree of the Martin Luther King, Jr.,
2 Celebration Community Service Awards; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Estella Lavonne McDermott 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, she has the distinction of being named a 2015 honoree of the Martin Luther
7 King, Jr., Celebration Community Service Awards; and

8 WHEREAS, when requested, she provides tutoring for students and transportation to hospital
9 and doctor appointments, school, and college; and

10 WHEREAS, she assists high school students with college and financial aid applications,
11 helps individuals respond to legal or business correspondence, and coordinates phone calls
12 for appointments and clarification; and

13 WHEREAS, she prepares individual tax returns and mentors young women in the church and
14 community; and

15 WHEREAS, she founded, participates in, and currently serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the
16 Mamie R. Hammock Memorial Scholarship Fund which provides two \$1,000.00 scholarships
17 to students graduating from Cedartown High School who will pursue degrees in health
18 occupations or education; and

19 WHEREAS, she participates in the Cedartown Nutrition Center Program, has served on the
20 Fund Council and Decoration Committee, and photographs trips and activities; and

21 WHEREAS, she serves with the Youth Department at New Bethel Baptist Church, has
22 helped plan, coordinate, and take high school students on college campus tours; has planned,
23 coordinated, and taken youth ages 13-18 on a Youth Retreat at Camp Cedine in Tennessee;
24 and started classes for students in 6th-12th grades on life issues in preparation for adulthood;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, she supports the New Bethel Scholarship Fund which provides scholarships for
27 New Bethel members and family members pursuing degrees in any discipline; and

28 WHEREAS, she participates in the New Bethel Mother Board, Women's Ministry, Board of
29 Trustees, Adult Women's Sunday School, and Tuesday night Bible Study and School; and

30 WHEREAS, she serves as Treasurer and Recording Secretary for the Board of Trustees,
31 Women's Sunday School Teacher, and Vice President of Mother Board at New Bethel
32 Baptist Church.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body recognize Estella Lavonne McDermott as a 2015 honoree of the
35 Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration Community Service Awards and commend her
36 outstanding service to her community.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
39 Estella Lavonne McDermott.