

House Resolution 1675

By: Representatives Atwood of the 179th, Yates of the 73rd, Spencer of the 180th, Jones of the 167th, and Wilkinson of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Sheila M. McNeill; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Sheila M. McNeill was the first woman to serve as national president of the
3 Navy League of the United States, which is the only civilian organization dedicated to
4 supporting the sea services, the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, and U.S.
5 Flag Merchant Marine; she served as national president from 2003 to 2005 and was
6 responsible for leading the Navy League's 70,000 members who are dedicated to educating
7 American citizens and elected officials about the importance of sea power; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1999, she was elected national vice president and aggressively sought support
9 on Capitol Hill; her top priority was educating congressional members about the sea services;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, because of Ms. McNeill's long history of active involvement with the sea
12 services, she served as vice chairman of the executive committee for the Defense Advisory
13 Committee on Women in the Services, an influential advisory committee to the secretary of
14 defense and other DOD officials, and during her three-year DACOWITS tour, she visited 45
15 U.S. military installations throughout the world; and

16 WHEREAS, she has received numerous awards, including the Secretary of the Navy's
17 Distinguished, Superior, and Meritorious Public Service Medals; the United States Coast
18 Guard's Distinguished and Meritorious Public Service Medals; the 2004 U.S. Armed Forces
19 Spirit of Hope Award; and the International Federation of Maritime Associations Service
20 Medal, and she was the first female recipient of the Spanish Navy League's highest honor,
21 the Golden Anchor Award; and

22 WHEREAS, in Georgia, Ms. McNeill serves as a member of the Executive Board of the
23 Governor's state-wide Military Affairs Coordinating Committee, and she has been on the
24 Board of Directors of the Chambers of Commerce in Glynn and Camden counties; and

25 WHEREAS, Ms. McNeill was named one of the 100 Most Influential Georgians in *Georgia*
26 *Trend* magazine, and she is the recipient of various community service awards, including the
27 Paul Harris Fellow Award; and

28 WHEREAS, Ms. McNeill is the 2015 recipient of the National Defense Industrial
29 Association Citizen-Soldier Award, which recognizes the significant contributions made by
30 the recipient to the long-term strategic posture of Georgia's defense industrial base.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body recognize and commend Ms. Sheila M. McNeill for her many
33 contributions to the State of Georgia and the United States.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ms.
36 Sheila M. McNeill.