

House Resolution 457

By: Representative Dickerson of the 113<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Darlene E. Hotchkiss on her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Darlene E. Hotchkiss was born in Burlington, Vermont, raised in Danielson  
3 Connecticut, and moved to Conyers, Georgia, in 1990; and

4 WHEREAS, she has been married to Donald for 36 years and they have been blessed with  
5 two sons, Travis and Luke; one amazing daughter-in-law, Cassie, and the most amazing  
6 granddaughter, Julia Rose; and

7 WHEREAS, Darlene has been an avid supporter of the Rockdale County Public Schools,  
8 serving for 16 years on the Rockdale Board of Education beginning in 1997, serving as vice  
9 chair from 2003 to 2004, and chair from 2005 to 2006; and

10 WHEREAS, she served on both the Rockdale Magnet for Science and Technology and the  
11 Rockdale Career Academy implantation committees and was a board delegate for the  
12 Georgia School Board Association and the National School Board Association; and

13 WHEREAS, since 2010, her focus has been on two nonprofit organizations, Mercy Heart,  
14 Inc., and Rockdale Cares, Inc.; and

15 WHEREAS, January 1, 2017, Mercy Heart partnered with the Community Paramedicine  
16 Program to provide in-home support for those patients who are discharged from the hospital  
17 but need additional medical and educational support; and

18 WHEREAS, since 2013, Darlene has volunteered at and is now president of Rockdale Cares,  
19 serving the developmentally challenged who have aged out of the school system, providing  
20 adult daycare service, respite care, housing, and social events; and

21 WHEREAS, Soaring Heights, where Darlene also serves as president, was developed to  
22 provide housing affordable to the developmentally disabled in partnership with offering  
23 discount housing to our community's first responders, medical personnel, and teachers; and

24 WHEREAS, Darlene is a founding member of Restoration Storehouse, Inc., which combines  
25 multiple support agencies within the county to better serve the needs of the homeless or  
26 underprivileged; she also serves on the Rockdale County Board of Ethics as vice chair; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body recognize and commend Darlene E. Hotchkiss for her efficient,  
31 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most  
32 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
35 Darlene E. Hotchkiss.