

House Resolution 579

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Stovall of the 74th, Jones of the 53rd, Nelson of the 125th, Thomas of the 56th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Rita Bailey for receiving the title of District 76 2017 Phenomenal Woman;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Rita Bailey was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, and soon after her birth,
4 her family relocated to Chicago, where she lived until she moved to Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, she completed her undergraduate studies at Western Illinois University and
6 received a bachelor's degree in education; she also earned a master's degree in human
7 relations and counseling from Governors State University, a master's degree in education
8 from Georgia State University, a specialist degree in education, a certification in educational
9 leadership from Clark Atlanta University, and a doctorate in teacher leadership from Walden
10 University, and she is a graduate of the Southeast Eisenhower Regional Consortium
11 (SERVE) Academy for Science and Mathematics; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey is a retired educator, and after 40 years of service she began her
13 career with Chicago Public Schools teaching physical education, health, reading, and art; she
14 taught mathematics and science for Atlanta Public Schools (APS), St. Anthony Catholic
15 School, and the Youth Detention Center for the Georgia Department of Human Resources
16 (YDC); and

17 WHEREAS, prior to her retirement she served as a teacher leader/facilitator and science
18 instructional design coach with APS as well as a science fair and new teacher training
19 coordinator; was a Christian education director for several years and coordinated church
20 school, vacation Bible school, and summer camp activities; and she has received personal
21 and professional recognition throughout her career; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey, as a member of the National Science Teacher Association, enjoys
23 presenting science, mathematics, and staff development workshops at local, state, and
24 national conferences; and

25 WHEREAS, she served as a master teacher consultant for Atlanta's PBS TV Station and has
26 written several plays that were performed in a variety of settings; and

27 WHEREAS, her studies have allowed her to travel to places like Central America as a
28 member of the Atlanta Rainforest Project Expedition and participate in activities like flying
29 a plane with the Civil Air Patrol Teacher Aviation Program; Dr. Bailey has directed several
30 local science camps such as the Dr. Ronald E. McNair Space Camp at the Georgia Institute
31 of Technology and Southern Polytechnic State University; and

32 WHEREAS, she trained educators to be instructors for the Sally Ride STEM Career Science
33 Program and for the Morehouse School of Medicine Summer Academy; she also coordinated
34 robotic teams and classes while mastering level one robotics at the Georgia Institute of
35 Technology; and

36 WHEREAS, her interests and passion continue to encourage young people to pursue
37 academic excellence; she is a volunteer for several of Henry County's community
38 organizations, presently serves as a board member for the Bruce Holmes Youth Foundation
39 and has been the curriculum coordinator for the foundation for the past five years, currently
40 serves as the cochair of the Henry County Library System Trustee Board, is a member of the
41 committee for the Get Georgia Reading Program, and is an active member of the Henry
42 County NAACP Branch; and

43 WHEREAS, she serves on the Education and Scholarship committees and as an enthusiastic
44 supporter and cochair for the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological, and Scientific
45 Olympics (NAACP- ACT-SO) high school program; is a Post Seat Holder member of the
46 Henry County Democratic Party (HCDP); is a Member of the Georgia Federation of
47 Democratic Women (GFODW); is a member of the Henry County Alumnae Chapter of Delta
48 Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and currently attends Greater Travelers Rest Baptist Church; and

49 WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey is married to her devoted husband, John Bailey, and they are blessed
50 with three amazing daughters and three remarkable grandchildren; and

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

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
54 the members of this body commend Dr. Rita Bailey for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and

55 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate her on being named the
56 District 76 2017 Phenomenal Woman; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued
57 health and happiness.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
59 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
60 Rita Bailey.