

House Resolution 596

By: Representative Dickerson of the 113th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Barbara Kilpatrick on her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Barbara Kilpatrick married and moved to California shortly after graduating
3 high school, attending Modesto State College while working a full-time job with the welfare
4 department; and

5 WHEREAS, her college career was interrupted when her husband was drafted in the military
6 in 1961, and they moved to Texas where he was stationed and remained there until his
7 release date in 1963 when they returned to Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, in Georgia, Barbara joined Beers Construction Company and worked there for
9 31 years as an Assistant Treasurer, then Office Manager/Accountant, and finally as the
10 Human Resource Director; and

11 WHEREAS, she became involved with special needs individuals in 1970 when a
12 professional organization she was involved with undertook a project to build a 15-bed
13 nursery and a playroom addition to "The Stacy Smith Home for Birth Defect Children," and
14 she was chair for this project and visited the facility twice a day; and

15 WHEREAS, she became so attached to the folks in the facility and to Mrs. Smith that she
16 even visited on the weekends, though they completed the project within a short period of
17 time and with volunteer labor from various union contractors; and

18 WHEREAS, she served on the Executive Committee for the home and chaperoned Mrs.
19 Smith to various speaking events; Barbara served on this board until Mrs. Smith's health
20 failed and she had to close the facility; and

21 WHEREAS, Barbara started a "special needs" Sunday School class at her church in 1983
22 where they enjoyed a usual attendance of 33 each Sunday, a very rewarding experience for
23 her; she served in this capacity until 1996; and

24 WHEREAS, in response to feedback from the parents of special needs individuals, they
25 began a once a month respite service, which was accomplished through volunteers, and there
26 are numerous rewarding stories from this experience; and

27 WHEREAS, Barbara was asked to serve on the Board of Directors for Rockdale Cares, Inc.,
28 in the late 1980's and has been with Rockdale Cares ever since, having served as Secretary
29 and Treasurer of the board before becoming the Executive Director of the organization, a
30 position she has served for approximately 14 years; and

31 WHEREAS, Barbara retired from Beers Construction Company in 1997 to be with her
32 husband who was facing major cancer surgery, and after his recovery, she began her career
33 with Rockdale Cares; and

34 WHEREAS, due to having a construction background, she has been building chairman for
35 two large church additions at Rockdale Baptist Church and chairman of the building for a
36 new church she helped start, Haven Fellowship Church; Barbara is a member of the
37 Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce, 2010 graduate of Leadership Rockdale, member
38 of Community Resource Network, A.S.P.I.R.E. Coalition member, member of SPLOST
39 Committees Parks/Rec/Senior Center and Sheriff/Jail, Light House Village member, and a
40 Sunday school teacher; and

41 WHEREAS, Barbara is married to Tom Kilpatrick and is the 2017 recipient of the Barksdale
42 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
44 the members of this body commend Barbara Kilpatrick for her outstanding service and
45 dedication to her community and the State of Georgia.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
47 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
48 Barbara Kilpatrick.