

Senate Resolution 582

By: Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Project Mail Call Mission; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, spurred by the need to support veterans, Ed and Mary Ettl began Project Mail
3 Call in 2005, at first operating out of their home basement and then becoming the official
4 mission of Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church; and

5 WHEREAS, Ed and Mary Ettl are lifelong Georgians and service oriented Americans who
6 have worked to personally touch the lives of men and women in uniform; and

7 WHEREAS, with the support of scores of volunteers at Mt. Bethel United Methodist, care
8 packages are packed with items specifically requested by soldiers in need; and

9 WHEREAS, the Project Mail Call Mission provides a direct and personal method to contact
10 and send customized care packages to the United States military serving overseas; and

11 WHEREAS, a diverse set of clubs, organizations, groups, and companies have participated
12 in packing sessions, with more than 38,000 volunteers during a 12 year period; and

13 WHEREAS, though all servicemen and women who receive these packages are of equal
14 importance, special attention is given to those serving in remote locations, those who do not
15 receive mail, or those who provide humanitarian aid to schools, clinics, orphanages, or
16 villages; and

17 WHEREAS, of the 57 countries being mailed to, some include the most challenging
18 locations in the world, including Iraq, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Somalia, and Kosovo; and

19 WHEREAS, Ed Ettl knows intimately the hurdles of overseas deployment, as he served in
20 the United States Navy on active duty for four years and reserve duty for 22 years; and

21 WHEREAS, the Ettels' efforts have yielded numerous national accolades and awards,
22 including the 2014 Cobb County Citizens of the Year Award by the Cobb Chamber of
23 Commerce and East Cobb Civitan, Kiwanis, Lion, and Rotary Clubs, as well as a 2007
24 appearance and recognition on the United States Senate floor by Senators Saxby Chambliss
25 and Johnny Isakson; and

26 WHEREAS, as of July, 2017, Project Mail Call has packed and mailed more than 8,000
27 customized care packages weighing over 126,000 pounds and continues to grow; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding accomplishments
29 of this extraordinary organization.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 honor the Project Mail Call Mission for its many valuable contributions on behalf of our
32 armed forces and extend best wishes for its continued growth, development, and success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Project Mail
35 Call Mission.