

## House Resolution 903

By: Representatives Cooper of the 43<sup>rd</sup>, Dollar of the 45<sup>th</sup>, Reeves of the 34<sup>th</sup>, Setzler of the 35<sup>th</sup>, and Meadows of the 5<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Ed and Mary Ettel; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ed and Mary Ettel, lifelong Georgians and service-oriented Americans, have  
3 worked to personally touch the lives of men and women in uniform; and
- 4 WHEREAS, spurred by the need to support veterans, Ed and Mary Ettel began Project Mail  
5 Call in 2005, at first operating out of their home basement and then becoming the official  
6 mission of Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church; and
- 7 WHEREAS, with the support of his dedicated wife, Mary, and scores of volunteers at Mt.  
8 Bethel United Methodist, care packages are packed with items specifically requested by  
9 those soldiers in need; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the Project Mail Call Mission provides a direct and personal method to contact  
11 and send customized care packages to the U.S. military serving overseas; and
- 12 WHEREAS, a diverse set of clubs, organizations, groups and companies have participated  
13 in packing sessions, with over 38,000 volunteers during a 12-year period; and
- 14 WHEREAS, though all servicemen and women who receive these packages are of equal  
15 importance, special attention is giving to those serving in remote locations, who do not  
16 receive mail, or who provide humanitarian aid to schools, clinics, orphanages, or villages;  
17 and
- 18 WHEREAS, of the 57 countries being mailed to, areas include some of the most challenging  
19 locations in the world, including Iraq, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Somalia, and Kosovo; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Ed Ettel knows intimately the hurdles of overseas deployment, as he served in  
21 the Navy on active duty for four years and reserve duty for 22 years; and

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

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

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding contributions of  
29 these distinguished Georgians.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body commend Ed and Mary Ettel and the Project Mail Call Mission for  
32 their many valuable contributions on behalf of the citizens of Georgia and extend them best  
33 wishes for its continued growth, development, and success.

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 Ed  
36 and Mary Ettel.