

Senate Resolution 815

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Judge Barbara J. Koll; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Judge Barbara J. Koll served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty
3 as an Army Reserve Officer in the Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps from 1982 to
4 2012, retiring with the rank of Colonel; and

5 WHEREAS, Judge Koll was mobilized in support of the Global War on Terror from January,
6 2003, to April, 2006, and served as the Chief of the Administrative Law Division and Staff
7 Judge Advocate for Reserve Affairs at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, with the XVIII
8 Airborne Corps in Fort Bragg, North Carolina; the final assignment of her illustrious military
9 career was as the Chief of Staff at the United States Army Reserve Command in
10 Gaithersburg, Maryland, from September, 2007, to January, 2012; and

11 WHEREAS, the excellency of service, courage in the face of adversity, and principled
12 dedication of Judge Koll's 30 year career as a JAG Officer resulted in her being awarded
13 numerous commendations and medals, including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service
14 Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf
15 Cluster, Army Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Reserve Components
16 Achievement Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal with
17 Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal
18 with Silver Hourglass and M Device, Army Service Ribbon, Reserve Overseas Ribbon, and
19 Superior Unit Award (2125th GSU); and

20 WHEREAS, Judge Koll currently serves as the Chief Clerk/Court Administrator for the
21 Fulton County Probate Court, where she has worked for 32 years since her humble
22 beginnings as a law clerk in 1985, and she is also appointed as a Judicial Hearing Officer,
23 a duty in which she oversees all adult guardianship matters for Fulton County; and

24 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is home to more than 752,000 veterans, of which more than
25 93,000 are women veterans, in addition to being the home of tens of thousands of the nation's
26 military families, and the state is proud to salute and remember the many American women
27 veterans who have courageously and honorably served in the military on behalf of our nation;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, in addition to her completion of JAG School, Judge Koll received a bachelor's
30 degree from the University of North Carolina at Asheville in 1978 and a doctorate degree
31 from the University of Tennessee's College of Law in 1981 and is a member of the State Bar
32 of Georgia; and

33 WHEREAS, Judge Koll has spent a lifetime answering God's call to be His messenger to do
34 His will, serving in ministry alongside her husband who pastors Trinity Baptist Church in
35 Conyers, Georgia; and

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

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
39 recognize and commend Judge Barbara J. Koll for her many valuable contributions on behalf
40 of the citizens of Georgia and the United States and extend best wishes for her continued
41 success.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
43 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Judge Barbara J.
44 Koll.