

## House Resolution 1233

By: Representatives Alexander of the 66<sup>th</sup>, Bruce of the 61<sup>st</sup>, Boddie of the 62<sup>nd</sup>, Gravley of the 67<sup>th</sup>, Collins of the 68<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Marigold Edwards for receiving the 2020 Yellow Rose  
2 Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award on March 10, 2020; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Marigold Edwards is chief executive of JC Freedom House. She came to  
4 Douglas County, Georgia, after an international career as both a business professional and  
5 a Christian minister. Within two months of her arrival, this newlywed coming to do  
6 community support work found herself in a domestic violence situation and had to flee for  
7 her life. Upon discovering that the shelter she stayed at was closing, she campaigned to save  
8 it; and

9 WHEREAS, Marigold Edwards conducts fundraisers throughout the community for the JC  
10 Freedom House to benefit the local shelter, and its programs are funded exclusively by  
11 community donations; and

12 WHEREAS, the JC Freedom House was created as a shelter for women in crisis in Douglas  
13 County. The shelter is in its fourth year of operation; and

14 WHEREAS, the JC Freedom House provides a safe place to live, food, clothing, gas cards,  
15 and other items the women need. In addition to those in its own facility, JC Freedom House  
16 has supported the homeless and those in need by providing food, clothing, and other needed  
17 items. It supports community education by providing information about women in crisis.  
18 Volunteer shelter workers, administrators, counselors, teachers, facilitators, and medical  
19 practitioners provide the shelter with hundreds of volunteer hours each year; and

20 WHEREAS, Marigold Edwards is highly regarded by the citizens of her community and state  
21 as a woman of unquestioned integrity and dedication to being of service to the community;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, her inspiring commitment to the welfare of others is an outstanding example  
24 of the positive effect private citizens can have on the lives and well-being of others; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
26 extraordinary servant leader be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body congratulate Marigold Edwards for receiving the 2020 Yellow  
29 Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award, commend her unwavering dedication and  
30 service to Douglas County and the State of Georgia, and extend best wishes for her work  
31 with JC Freedom House.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
34 Marigold Edwards.