

House Resolution 977

By: Representatives Oliver of the 82nd, Crowe of the 118th, Stephens of the 164th, Parrish of the 158th, Buckner of the 137th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, seventy-five years ago, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation captured a
4 remarkable act of collective hope that all children, adults, and senior citizens have clear
5 vision to achieve their best educational, social, and work potential; and

6 WHEREAS, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation was the dream of a blind man,
7 Atlanta Lions Club member Tom Bingham. In 1949, the Atlanta Lions Club, led by
8 Bingham, along with the Moultrie and Albany Lions Clubs, each contributed \$1,000.00, and
9 the Lighthouse was born; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, in partnership with Lions Clubs
11 throughout the State of Georgia, believes that all Georgians should have equal access to
12 vision care; and

13 WHEREAS, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation consistently ranks among the top
14 Georgia nonprofit organizations that impact the lives of Georgians, is one of the most
15 comprehensive state-wide nonprofit vision services provider organizations in Georgia, and

16 is the trusted leader in providing improved sight to Georgians who are uninsured and
17 underinsured; and

18 WHEREAS, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation delivers vision services through a
19 full-service optical clinic, glasses recycling, mobile clinics, surgery coordination, a
20 state-wide school vision screening initiative, and a state-wide advanced technology
21 tele-optometry program to address the unmet vision needs of uninsured and underinsured
22 Georgians; and

23 WHEREAS, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation is transforming vision care in
24 Georgia by providing vision services to 52 rural Georgia counties that lack access to vision
25 professionals; and

26 WHEREAS, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation has established itself as the leader
27 in Georgia, and it is only fitting and proper that it be recognized for its efforts and
28 contributions to ensure that all Georgians, young and old, have clear vision allowing them
29 to have better quality and productive lives.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize and commend the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation
32 for its diligent service and encourage all businesses and community members to both support
33 and take advantage of the resources available from the Georgia Lions Lighthouse
34 Foundation.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
37 Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation.