

House Resolution 673

By: Representative Greene of the 151st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Melanie Heard Smith; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Melanie Heard Smith on July 11, 2021; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Melanie was born on October 14, 1958, at Georgia Baptist Hospital, and was
5 a beloved daughter to Patricia and the late Frank Heard Jr.; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she started serving the State of Georgia as an inspector in the peanut industry,
7 earned a promotion as a buying point manager, and had the biggest farming clientele in
8 Seminole County as the manager of Sessions Peanut; and
- 9 WHEREAS, after dedicating 30 years to the peanut industry, Melanie retired in 2019 and
10 decided it was time to focus on her family and her grandchildren; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, Tommy, and was blessed
12 with two remarkable children, Ansley and Brandon, and wonderful grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, when the pandemic began, Melanie was working with her daughter as a
14 bookkeeper in a doctor's office, Colquitt Complete Care, and there she found her passion to
15 advocate for vaccinations; and

16 WHEREAS, this distinguished Georgian helped over 2,000 people receive vaccines in a
17 six-month period; and

18 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
19 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
20 her family and friends were admired by others; and

21 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
22 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,
23 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Melanie will long be remembered for
25 her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
26 fortune of knowing her.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Melanie Heard Smith and
29 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 family of Melanie Heard Smith.