

House Resolution 1678

By: Representative Westbrook of the 163rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Rita Chesney; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Rita Chesney currently serves as the medical director of the Savannah Birth &
3 Wellness Center, the oldest free-standing midwifery practice for women's health in the State
4 of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Maryland, she began her journey as part of the
6 United States Army, where she served for 23 years alongside her fellow midwives and
7 gained the experience that she now uses to ensure positive health outcomes for many; and

8 WHEREAS, through her distinguished work, Rita empowers women to be active and
9 informed participants in the birthing process as well as advocates for the practice of nurse
10 midwives as a solution to the maternity care crisis in this state; and

11 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high
12 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens, and she possesses the vast wisdom
13 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved
14 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

15 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
16 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body recognize and commend Rita Chesney for her many years of
21 outstanding work toward improving maternal health in the State of Georgia and extend the
22 most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Rita
25 Chesney.