

House Resolution 309

By: Representatives Hagan of the 156th, McDonald III of the 26th, Barrett of the 24th, and McCollum of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and commending Rilyn Rodgers; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Rilyn Rodgers, a standout 16-year-old student at Vidalia Heritage Academy and
3 dedicated citizen of Wheeler County, Georgia, has demonstrated exceptional character and
4 commitment to her community; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Hurricane Helene caused widespread destruction that affected many residents
6 of our region, requiring immediate and coordinated response efforts to provide relief, rescue,
7 and recovery; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in the wake of Hurricane Helene, Rilyn selflessly volunteered her time and
9 efforts to aid those in need, showcasing her dedication to making a positive impact in times
10 of adversity; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Rilyn actively participated in efforts to assist with disaster relief, including
12 organizing food and supply points of distribution, creating and managing a social media
13 platform to provide timely information to residents, helping in the cleanup and recovery
14 process, and offering support to displaced families; and

15 WHEREAS, Rilyn volunteered countless hours, collaborating with local and state agencies,
16 emergency responders, and community members as well as contributing to relief efforts that
17 helped restore hope and stability to those impacted by the disaster; and

18 WHEREAS, Rilyn's actions exemplify the spirit of resilience, compassion, civic
19 responsibility and dedication to serving others in times of need, inspiring those around her
20 to act with kindness and urgency in times of crisis; and

21 WHEREAS, through her actions, Rilyn has proven herself to be a responsible and caring
22 individual who seeks to improve the lives of those around her, demonstrating leadership and
23 empathy well beyond her years.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body honor and commend Rilyn Rodgers for her exemplary volunteer
26 service, unwavering dedication, and invaluable contributions following Hurricane Helene;
27 her tireless efforts reflect the true spirit of community and selflessness, serving as an
28 inspiration and model to all.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Rilyn
31 Rodgers.