

## House Resolution 542

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58<sup>th</sup>, Bennett of the 94<sup>th</sup>, Au of the 50<sup>th</sup>, Glaize of the 67<sup>th</sup>, Taylor of the 173<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Michele Riggs; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Michele Riggs has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours  
3 of her time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state, as  
4 evidenced dramatically by her more than two decades of superlative service with Wellstar  
5 Health System; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she began her exemplary career with Wellstar Health System in 2000, serving  
7 at the Cobb and Kennestone hospitals as a board-certified lactation consultant before  
8 becoming the manager of Maternal Infant Support Services in 2005 and later assuming the  
9 role of director of Women's Health Patient Education and Support Services; and
- 10 WHEREAS, throughout her career, she has led numerous initiatives to improve breastfeeding  
11 quality outcomes, including securing Baby Friendly Hospital Designation for Wellstar  
12 Kennestone in 2017, establishing a milk depot, implementing human donor milk  
13 supplementation, and creating employee pumping stations across the system; and
- 14 WHEREAS, she has been instrumental in standardizing women's education, including  
15 perinatal education classes and support groups, and implementing system-wide patient

16 education initiatives, resulting in a 50 percent expansion of virtual and in-person class  
17 offerings in English and Spanish; and

18 WHEREAS, she has further played a key role in the development of multiple programs  
19 designed to improve patient and quality outcomes, including the pilot doula program,  
20 Wellstar's first pregnancy mobile app, and the I Gave Birth initiative, which promotes  
21 maternal health awareness, emphasizes the importance of prenatal and postpartum care, and  
22 expedites medical decision-making; and

23 WHEREAS, Michele Riggs has served with honor and distinction as part of Wellstar Health  
24 System, and her vision and unyielding commitment to maternal and infant health will be  
25 sorely missed upon the occasion of her retirement; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
27 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Michele Riggs for her efficient, effective,  
30 unselfish, and dedicated career service; congratulate her upon the grand occasion of her  
31 retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

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 Michele Riggs.