

House Resolution 864

By: Representative Cheokas of the 151<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Melissa Montgomery; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Melissa Montgomery was the long time personal assistant to First Lady  
3 Rosalynn Carter; and

4 WHEREAS, she was instrumental in the creation of the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail  
5 through partnerships with Emory University's deRoode Monarch Lab and Research,  
6 Monarchs Across Georgia, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Services; and

7 WHEREAS, the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail began due to Rosalynn Carter's concern of  
8 the declining number of Monarch butterflies; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2013, Rosalynn decided she wanted to include native plants that would  
10 provide habitat for Monarchs and other butterflies and pollinators in her private garden in  
11 Plains as a way to help Monarchs; and

12 WHEREAS, this private garden was the beginning for the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail,  
13 which now has over 3,000 registered gardens across the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, the success of the trail is due to supporters like Melissa Montgomery, Mrs.  
15 Carter's personal assistant, who for over 39 years coordinated the personal, family, business,  
16 and organizational details that Mrs. Carter was involved in; and

17 WHEREAS, due to Melissa's commitment to Mrs. Carter's desire to help the Monarchs, the  
18 United States Fish and Wildlife Services entered into a partnership with the Rosalynn Carter  
19 Butterfly Trail assisting with establishing funding and resources for hundreds of butterfly  
20 gardens in public places and schools in the Southeastern United States; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this outstanding Georgian be  
22 appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body honor the contributions Melissa Montgomery has made to the  
25 Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
28 Melissa Montgomery.