

House Resolution 881

By: Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Kelley of the 16th, New of the 40th, Smith of the 18th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending McKenna Farms Therapy Services; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, McKenna Farms Therapy Services is a nonprofit organization that provides
3 therapy services to boys and girls ages 0 to 21 with special needs from Northwest Georgia
4 and metro Atlanta; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the organization serves children with a variety of diagnoses including, but not
6 limited to Autism, Sensory Integration Dysfunction, Developmental Delay, genetic and
7 chromosomal disorders, Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, Down Syndrome, Traumatic Brain
8 Injury, Stroke, Scoliosis, fine motor delay, oral and motor feeding disorders, learning and
9 language disabilities, auditory processing, and coordination disorders; and
- 10 WHEREAS, McKenna Farms began in 2001 with 10 children, one physical therapist
11 assistant, 5 volunteers, and 2 horses; and
- 12 WHEREAS, currently, the program has 25 therapists who serve over 500 children per week,
13 258 regular volunteers, 700 weekly therapy sessions, patients from 16 counties, and 15
14 horses; and

15 WHEREAS, the Farm is situated on 30 acres in Paulding County and includes a
16 newly-renovated therapy clinic and offices in a civil war-era farmhouse, 8 therapy cottages,
17 outdoor and indoor riding arenas, a sensory trail, wooded adventure trail, and a barn that
18 houses 15 horses and 2 mini horses; and

19 WHEREAS, McKenna Farms offers physical, occupational, and speech therapy as well as
20 therapeutic riding provided in various settings including clinical, aquatic, and through the
21 utilization of equine movement in hippotherapy; and

22 WHEREAS, no other therapeutic center in the region offers such comprehensive services in
23 one location; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this organization,
25 as well as its staff and volunteers, is appropriately honored.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and commend the selfless work of McKenna Farms
28 Therapy Services.

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
31 McKenna Farms Therapy Services.