

House Resolution 899

By: Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Williamson of the 112th, Burns of the 159th, Cooper of the 45th, and Dempsey of the 13th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Joyce Carter Stevens; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Joyce Carter Stevens has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
3 the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
4 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Joyce was raised in Adel, Georgia, and served as Vice-President of Sales and
6 Marketing at Del-Cook Lumber Company from 1964 to 1981; and
- 7 WHEREAS, her first major involvement with the Republican Party was in fundraising for
8 Mack Mattingly's 1980 United States Senate race, which led to her organizing the Cook
9 County Republican Party and becoming involved with the highest members of the party; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she was selected to serve as Executive Director of the Georgia Republican Party
11 from 1981 to 1983, during which time her main focus was on growing the party's fundraising
12 budget; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she made history as the first female candidate on the general election ballot in
14 Georgia when she ran for a position on the Public Service Commission in 1984; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1995, she founded the Stevens Group along with her husband John Phinizy
16 Stevens; and

17 WHEREAS, Joyce's significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience
18 and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state
19 have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

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

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize and commend Joyce Carter Stevens for her efficient,
26 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most
27 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Joyce
30 Carter Stevens.