

Senate Resolution 598

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Harbison of the 15th, Echols of the 49th, Davenport of the 17th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Kathy Colbenson upon receiving the 2026 Reverend Robert
2 Ross Johnson Humanitarian of the Year Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Buckhead presents the Reverend Robert Ross Johnson
4 Humanitarian of the Year Award annually to a non-member who exemplifies the Rotary
5 motto of “service above self”; and

6 WHEREAS, in recognition of her vision and unyielding commitment to advocating for
7 children, families, and the underserved, Kathy Colbenson has been named the 26th Reverend
8 Robert Ross Johnson Humanitarian of the Year; and

9 WHEREAS, Kathy Colbenson has long been recognized as one of the state’s most respected
10 and dedicated non-profit leaders; and

11 WHEREAS, since arriving at CHRIS 180 in 1987, Kathy Colbenson has been instrumental
12 in developing innovative, trauma-informed approaches and programs that strengthen families
13 and troubled youth in the State of Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, under her more than 36 years of leadership, CHRIS 180 expanded to include
15 eight group homes, a permanent supportive housing program, and a counseling center; and

16 WHEREAS, she furthered the impact of the organization, growing the annual budget from
17 \$400,000 to over \$35 million, thereby enabling CHRIS 180 to positively impact the lives of
18 more than 350,000 people; and

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

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize and commend Kathy Colbenson for her unwavering commitment to justice, mercy,
25 and hope; congratulate her upon receiving the 2026 Reverend Robert Ross Johnson
26 Humanitarian of the Year Award; and extend best wishes for her continued health, happiness,
27 and success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Kathy Colbenson.