

House Resolution 2119

By: Representative Baker of the 64<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Vicki Pilgrim for her outstanding service and contributions  
2 to the Georgia Golden Olympics and the National Senior Games Association; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Vicki Pilgrim has devoted more than four decades of distinguished service to  
5 the promotion of health, wellness, and active aging through her leadership in the Georgia  
6 Golden Olympics and her work with the National Senior Games Association; and

7 WHEREAS, she has served the Georgia Golden Games since its inception in 1980, playing  
8 a foundational role in building and sustaining a program that has positively impacted  
9 thousands of older adults across the state; and

10 WHEREAS, for over 40 years, she has been instrumental in expanding opportunities for  
11 older adults across Georgia to remain active, engaged, and connected through athletic  
12 competition and community participation; and

13 WHEREAS, she has provided national leadership through her service on the National Senior  
14 Games Association Board of Directors from 1996 through 2003 and again from 2016 through

15 2021, including serving as Secretary from 1999 through 2002 and as Southeast Regional  
16 Coordinator; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2017, during the 30th anniversary of the National Senior Games Association,  
18 she was selected as one of the "30 Champions of the Games," an honor recognizing  
19 individuals who made outstanding contributions to the creation, promotion, and growth of  
20 the Senior Games Movement; and

21 WHEREAS, her professional career spanned 35 years in public health, including her role as  
22 Section Director for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion with the Georgia  
23 Department of Public Health, where she advanced initiatives that improved the health and  
24 well-being of citizens across this state; and

25 WHEREAS, her dedication to parks, recreation, and community service is further  
26 demonstrated through her extensive involvement with the Georgia Recreation and Park  
27 Association, where she has served on the Board of Directors and as Chair of both the  
28 Therapeutic Recreation Section and the Senior Adult Section; and

29 WHEREAS, her exemplary service has been recognized with numerous honors, including  
30 the National Senior Games Association Harris Frank Distinguished Service Award (2015),  
31 multiple Georgia Recreation and Park Association awards—including Therapeutic  
32 Recreation Professional, Presidential Citation, and Senior Adult Professional of the  
33 Year—and induction into the GRPA Hall of Fame in 2012, as well as the University of  
34 Georgia Department of Recreation and Leisure Services Distinguished Alumni Award in  
35 1991; and

36 WHEREAS, Vicki Pilgrim's passion, vision, and unwavering commitment have touched  
37 countless lives, fostering a sense of community, purpose, and joy among participants across  
38 generations; and

39 WHEREAS, her work stands as a model of public service, demonstrating the profound  
40 impact one individual can have in strengthening communities and uplifting others.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
42 the members of this body recognize and commend Vicki Pilgrim for her extraordinary  
43 contributions and extend their deepest appreciation for her years of dedicated service to the  
44 people of Georgia.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
46 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Vicki  
47 Pilgrim.