

House Resolution 1234

By: Representatives Houston of the 170th, Watson of the 172nd, and Pirkle of the 155th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Called to Care; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Called to Care was formed in 2014 by a handful of individuals who had a heart
3 for orphan care and the belief that meeting the physical needs of vulnerable children today
4 will lead to those children's spiritual needs being met tomorrow; and

5 WHEREAS, Called to Care serves 20 South Georgia counties: Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill,
6 Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes,
7 Pierce, Sumter, Tift, Turner, Worth, and Ware; and

8 WHEREAS, Called to Care is one of the very first phone calls DFCS makes when they have
9 a new case to serve, and they provide everything the children will need from toiletries,
10 clothing, school supplies, beds, and bedding to a Bible; and

11 WHEREAS, Called to Care has also ministered to the foster care community by providing
12 safe events for teens, educating the community about needs, providing tangible needs, and
13 providing support to foster and biological families; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2019, Called to Care served over 2,500 children and gave almost \$2,000 in
15 international adoption grants and \$3,500 in international mission grants; and

16 WHEREAS, Called to Care plans to continue caring for, supporting, and educating foster and
17 adoptive communities with a mentoring program for teens and providing a support model for
18 families who are fostering in the local community.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body extend a warm greeting to Called to Care, its staff, its provider
21 partners, and its volunteers and convey to them this legislative body's heartiest

22 commendation for their past, present, and future work on behalf of children and youth and
23 their families in this state.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
26 Called to Care.