

House Resolution 1365

By: Representatives Burns of the 159th and Hitchens of the 161st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Lainie Jenkins on the occasion of her retirement; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lainie Jenkins served diligently for seven years as executive director of Child
4 Advocacy Services of Southeast Georgia, Inc.; and

5 WHEREAS, during that time, her name has been synonymous with CASA and child
6 advocacy throughout the Ogeechee Circuit; and

7 WHEREAS, in an effort to continuously find safe and permanent homes for abused and
8 neglected children, the Child Advocacy Services Agency opened a visitation center in
9 Effingham County in order to further that purpose; and

10 WHEREAS, in Georgia, approximately 12,700 children at any one time are involved in the
11 foster care system because they are victims of abuse and neglect; and

12 WHEREAS, such children need advocates to make sure they don't get lost in the legal and
13 social service system or languish in inappropriate group or foster homes; and

14 WHEREAS, her passion for children has driven many to become volunteers who act as the
15 eyes and ears of the court as they gather information from anyone who may be able to shed
16 light on a child's situation; and

17 WHEREAS, as the executive director, Lainie Jenkins recognizes the urgency for every child
18 to have their needs responded to through the help of volunteers; and

19 WHEREAS, she made great efforts to form great relationships with Representatives and
20 Senators so that the voices speaking for children could be united; and

21 WHEREAS, as a Christian leader in Effingham County, a great cook, a loving wife to
22 Archie, and a super grandmother, she is an inspiration to others; and

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Lainie Jenkins for her effective, unselfish,
27 and dedicated service to the children of Georgia; congratulate her upon the grand occasion
28 of her retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and
29 happiness.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
32 Lainie Jenkins.