

House Resolution 1515

By: Representatives Price of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Martin of the 49th, Willard of the 51st, and Hilton of the 95th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending HomeStretch for 25 years of dedicated service to north Fulton
2 County; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1991 the number of at-risk homeless families in north Fulton County had
4 exceeded the capacity of the north Fulton community charities and other local charities to the
5 point that they were unable to respond to the extraordinary level of need with more than
6 limited, short-term aid; and

7 WHEREAS, the volunteer ministry HELPFUL was formed in order to research transitional
8 housing programs and resulted in the formation of HomeStretch to begin to provide a
9 transitional housing program; and

10 WHEREAS, HomeStretch, also known as the Housing Initiative of North Fulton, Inc., was
11 incorporated in this state on January 26, 1993, and became a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization
12 with its principal office located in Roswell, Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, the first homeless family was generously served by the Roswell Presbyterian
14 Church, which offered to provide their first year's rent to that family, giving them hope and
15 taking them away from homelessness; and

16 WHEREAS, by 1994, HomeStretch had placed five families in residences with the support
17 of community volunteers and donors; and

18 WHEREAS, the mission of HomeStretch is to empower homeless parents with children to
19 attain permanent housing and self-sufficiency by giving them the skills, knowledge, and hope
20 they need to become productive participants in the community, thereby transforming them
21 in four key areas: housing, finances, employment, and family strength; and

22 WHEREAS, the need to assist with suburban poverty remains and the lack of affordable
23 housing is an ongoing problem; and

24 WHEREAS, HomeStretch currently owns and operates 39 housing units in Roswell and
25 continues to serve mothers, fathers, and married couples with children; and

26 WHEREAS, in the past 25 years, HomeStretch has helped over 1,500 families achieve
27 permanent housing and self-sufficiency with an average of 80 percent of those families
28 remaining stably housed for more than one year; and

29 WHEREAS, the entire community has benefited from the steps taken by the HomeStretch
30 organization and its donors and volunteers over the past 25 years; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
32 exemplary organization and its efforts toward eliminating homelessness and strengthening
33 those in need be appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize and commend HomeStretch for 25 years of service to
36 north Fulton County.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
39 HomeStretch.