

House Resolution 1606

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Douglas of the 78th, and Stephenson of the 90th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Marlene Lemons for receiving the Humanitarian Community
2 Pillar Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Marlene Lemons has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
4 vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare
5 of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Marlene dropped out of school at an early age to become a housewife, during
7 which time she had two sons, then went back to school and received her GED, an associate's
8 degree in Biblical theology, a bachelor's degree in leadership administration, and a master's
9 degree in public administration; and

10 WHEREAS, her passion in life is mentoring women and teaching them that, despite the
11 many challenges of life, they have the power to overcome and move forward; and

12 WHEREAS, Marlene began to pursue her passion for mentoring and teaching young women
13 by opening up her home in 1990 so that she could hold "sisters helping sisters" meetings
14 once per month in which women were able to talk about the struggles of life while receiving
15 emotional support; and

16 WHEREAS, she went on to form MM Hope House, which has been in operation for five
17 years and which emerged out of her passion and desire to make a difference in the lives of
18 others and to help young women reach their full potential; and

19 WHEREAS, Marlene feeds the hungry, clothes the homeless, provides computer classes, and
20 mentors a group of young ladies; and

21 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
22 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; 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 Marlene Lemons for receiving the
27 Humanitarian Community Pillar Award and extend their most sincere best wishes for
28 continued health and happiness.

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