

House Resolution 1636

By: Representative Dickey of the 145th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Katie Jones of Musella, Georgia, and her Baskets of Joy; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Katie Jones spent her early years growing up in foster care, not always under
4 the best of circumstances; and

5 WHEREAS, she never received an Easter basket in her life until she was grown and her
6 husband bought her one; and

7 WHEREAS, this action prompted her to do this for other children, so in her first year, she
8 promised to make 48 Easter baskets for children at a local children's home, yet she refused
9 to deliver them herself because her memories of growing up in a similar home were not very
10 positive; and

11 WHEREAS, she made the Easter baskets stuffed with a Bible, a chocolate bunny, candy, four
12 gifts, and a stuffed animal; and

13 WHEREAS, she feels that what children like most about the Easter baskets is knowing that
14 someone cared enough to make them a basket; and

15 WHEREAS, Baskets of Joy has grown in the last 22 years from 48 baskets a season to over
16 500 baskets, which requires an assembly line of volunteers to accomplish, and all of the
17 baskets are filled using donations made by word of mouth and church groups; and

18 WHEREAS, she has also helped make Christmas special for many children by participating
19 in Kids Yule Love and playing Mrs. Claus to Santa (her husband); and

20 WHEREAS, she has been able to move past the darkness of her troubled childhood and bring
21 God's love and light to children in need; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
23 extraordinary woman and her large heart be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body commend Katie Jones for her many remarkable contributions on
26 behalf of the youth of this state through Baskets of Joy and extend best wishes for continued
27 success.

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