

House Resolution 1807

By: Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Evans of the 42nd, Smith of the 41st, Thomas of the 39th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Joyce McMurrain; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, in her 50 years as a nurse at WellStar Kennestone Hospital, Joyce McMurrain
3 has seen the facility grow from 350 to 633 beds, was around when syringes went from being
4 made of glass to being made of plastic, and helped establish the hospital's modern women's
5 center; and

6 WHEREAS, after graduating from a nursing diploma program in Washington, D.C., she
7 worked at two other hospitals in Virginia before landing at Kennestone, working for \$3 an
8 hour and after witnessing the hospital and medical care change over the past half century, she
9 now works with nursing students and new graduates; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. McMurrain knows how to lead and inspire other people in the hospital, and
11 she makes a point to always take the time to share positive comments with her students; and

12 WHEREAS, while she has held many positions over the years, most of Ms. McMurrain's
13 career has been spent in women's services, and from her beginnings as a maternity nurse in
14 1965, to her role as executive director of women and children's services for 30 years at
15 Kennestone, she has played an essential role in changing women's services at the hospital;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. McMurrain's son was born at Kennestone in 1968, before the women's
18 center had been established, but her grandchildren were all born in the center their
19 grandmother had created; and

20 WHEREAS, the key to her success at the hospital, no matter what role she undertook, has
21 been to be a professional role model to others, with a passion to serve and to make a positive
22 contribution; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding achievements 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 Joyce McMurrain and extend most sincere
27 best wishes for continued 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 Joyce
30 McMurrain.