

## House Resolution 658

By: Representatives Hawkins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Barr of the 103<sup>rd</sup>, Dubnik of the 29<sup>th</sup>, Dunahoo of the 30<sup>th</sup>, and Rogers of the 10<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Deb Bailey on her outstanding public service; and for other  
2 purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,  
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced  
8 dramatically by her superlative service with the Northeast Georgia Health System; and

9 WHEREAS, she graduated from the Hall School of Nursing in 1974, earned her bachelor's  
10 degree in psychology and nursing from Brenau University, and graduated Summa Cum  
11 Laude with her master's degree in nursing from the Medical College of Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, Deb began her professional career over 43 years ago during a time when  
13 nursing and health care, as a whole, shared a very different paradigm than they do today; and

14 WHEREAS, she began as the head nurse in a psychiatric drug and alcohol unit, and she later  
15 became an associate professor of psychiatric nursing at the Hall School of Nursing; and

16 WHEREAS, as the health care system became more advanced, Deb played a large role in the  
17 evolution of women in the health care work force, working as a Computers In Nursing  
18 Consultant, which enabled her to travel the world and be one of the first women to ever speak  
19 in public in the United Arab Emirates, and serving on the editorial board of the first ever  
20 nursing journal devoted to computers in nursing; and

21 WHEREAS, Deb's career eventually advanced into health care administration; she served  
22 in the position of Vice President for Nursing at the Northeast Georgia Health System and  
23 serves as the Executive Director of Government Affairs; and

24 WHEREAS, while working for the Northeast Georgia Health System, Deb was appointed  
25 by Governor Perdue to the Committee on Public Health, and later, Governor Deal appointed  
26 her to the Georgia Board of Nursing, the Georgia Hospital Medicaid Financial Program  
27 Advisory Committee, and numerous other state committees; and

28 WHEREAS, Deb focuses on giving back to her community and currently serves as Mistress  
29 of Ceremony for the Masters in the Art of Nursing program and is a member of the Brenau  
30 Professional Advisory Board, the University of North Georgia Professional Sciences  
31 Advisory Board, the Emory Doctorate Nurse Practitioner Board, the Legislative Taskforce  
32 of the Georgia Hospital Association, Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals, Safety Net  
33 Coalition of Hospitals, and the Georgia Chamber; and

34 WHEREAS, she is also an accomplished writer and author, having published numerous  
35 professional journals and coauthored several textbooks; and

36 WHEREAS, Deb's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience  
37 and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of  
38 this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

39 WHEREAS, Deb has served with honor and distinction with the Northeast Georgia Health  
40 System, and her vision and unyielding commitment to health care have set the standard for  
41 public service; and

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

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
45 the members of this body recognize and commend Deb Bailey for her efficient, effective,  
46 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere  
47 best wishes for continued health and happiness.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
49 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Deb  
50 Bailey.