

Senate Resolution 137

By: Senators Tillery of the 19th, Walker III of the 20th, Burns of the 23rd, Hickman of the 4th and Lucas of the 26th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating Christine Rathod upon the grand occasion of her retirement;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Christine Rathod 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, 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 as a court appointed special advocate (CASA) for
9 TLC CASA, which operates under TLC Children's Services Inc.; and

10 WHEREAS, as an advocate, she has worked with abused and neglected dependents in the
11 Juvenile Court of Georgia's Middle Judicial Circuit since September 2014, serving nearly 70
12 children from 28 families during her time with the court; and

13 WHEREAS, she has continued her work virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic by
14 visiting remotely with foster children on a monthly basis, monitoring their parents' progress,

15 identifying their needs, and submitting recommendations for their well-being to the court;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, through her work, she has overcome many daunting situations, including cases
18 involving substance abuse, physical and sexual abuse, difficult language barriers, and
19 neglected children, while assisting families of all sizes; and

20 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high
21 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens, and she possesses the vast wisdom
22 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved
23 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

24 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
25 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

26 WHEREAS, Christine Rathod has served with honor and distinction with TLC CASA, and
27 her vision and unyielding commitment to serving the young people of this state with respect
28 and grace will be sorely missed upon the occasion of her retirement; and

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 recognize Christine Rathod for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to the
33 State of Georgia; congratulate her upon the grand occasion of her retirement; and extend the
34 most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Christine Rathod.