

Senate Resolution 871

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Hatchett of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Goodman of the 8th and Ginn of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Deb Bailey; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Deb Bailey has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
3 role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of
4 the citizens of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced
7 dramatically by her superlative service with the Northeast Georgia Health System; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she graduated from the Hall School of Nursing in 1974, earned her bachelor's
9 degree in psychology and nursing from Brenau University, and graduated Summa Cum
10 Laude with her master's degree in nursing from the Medical College of Georgia; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Deb began her professional career over 43 years ago during a time when
12 nursing and healthcare, as a whole, shared a very different paradigm than they do today; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she began as the head nurse in a psychiatric drug and alcohol unit, and she later
14 became an associate professor of psychiatric nursing at the Hall School of Nursing; and

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

20 WHEREAS, Deb is very engaged in the current legislative session, while also helping recruit
21 her successor; and

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

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

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

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

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

39 WHEREAS, Deb Bailey has served with honor and distinction with the Northeast Georgia
40 Health System, and her vision and unyielding commitment to helping and advocating for
41 others will be sorely missed upon the occasion of her retirement; 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 SENATE that the members of this body
45 recognize and commend Deb Bailey for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated
46 public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate her upon the grand occasion of her
47 retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

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