

House Resolution 1308

By: Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st, Rhodes of the 124th, Frye of the 122nd, and Williams of the 148th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Barbara Dooley; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Barbara Dooley is a woman of greatness whose acts of kindness and generosity
3 have uplifted the entire Athens community; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she was born in Birmingham, Alabama, and attended Auburn University, where
5 she earned her bachelor's degree in speech therapy and special education, and she also holds
6 a master's degree in guidance and counseling; and
- 7 WHEREAS, for several years, she has worked as a real estate agent and hosted a radio talk
8 show; she has been a prominent philanthropist, raising money for countless organizations on
9 the city, state, national, and international levels; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she has given generously of her time and talents to a number of civic and
11 philanthropic organizations, including Extra Special People, the Winship Cancer Center, the
12 Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia, St. Mary's Hospital, the National Football Association Hall
13 of Fame, the United Way, and the Paralympics; and

14 WHEREAS, her leadership and dedicated volunteer service to St. Mary's Hospital and the
15 St. Mary's Foundation are particularly noteworthy; and

16 WHEREAS, the St. Mary's Foundation was founded in 2001 with the mission to improve and
17 enhance services provided by St. Mary's Health Care System and ensure these services are
18 available to those who need them most; and

19 WHEREAS, each year, the foundation hosts a gala to raise funds to benefit the hospital,
20 which is now known as the Celebration of Courageous Leaders; and

21 WHEREAS, the Celebration of Courageous Leaders will honor Barbara Dooley for her
22 lifetime of leadership and dedicated volunteer service, recognizing that she is a truly
23 courageous leader; and

24 WHEREAS, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and greatgrandmother, she was united in
25 love and marriage to the late Vince Dooley and has been blessed with four remarkable
26 children, Daniel, Deanna, Denise, and Derek; 11 wonderful grandchildren; and four
27 outstanding great-grandchildren; and

28 WHEREAS, her philosophy is "that God puts us on Earth to serve others, and that's why I've
29 always tried to do so"; and

30 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
31 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she makes of her life, she
32 makes this world a better place in which to live; and

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

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body recognize and commend Barbara Dooley and thank her for
37 unselfish and dedicated service to her community and state.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
40 Barbara Dooley.