

## House Resolution 1494

By: Representatives Clark of the 100<sup>th</sup>, Hong of the 103<sup>rd</sup>, and McCollum of the 30<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Jessica Wilson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Jessica Wilson was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in her early twenties,  
3 leaving her disabled for life. Her mission became to promote positivity and spread kindness  
4 in the community for as long as her life allowed and in any way she could; and

5 WHEREAS, Jessica is a beacon of hope within the Buford community. She decided to  
6 dedicate her time to making a difference within her community. Throughout her life, she has  
7 accomplished just that by spreading positivity in the lives of those she meets; and

8 WHEREAS, Jessica advocates for those who are voiceless. She started the *North Gwinnett*  
9 *Voice*, a local newspaper, and has filled its pages with stories of good deeds and free  
10 promotion and publicity for nonprofits, many of which are now household names; and

11 WHEREAS, Jessica provides the youth in Buford and Sugar Hill the opportunity to write for  
12 the *North Gwinnett Voice* and the opportunity to earn scholarship money for college to  
13 pursue their passion for writing; and

14 WHEREAS, Jessica has volunteered at local domestic abuse shelters by providing  
15 self-defense classes, opportunities to learn professional skills, clothing, and direction for  
16 independence; and

17 WHEREAS, Jessica has provided vehicles and housing to young homeless mothers, helping  
18 them find placement while they transitioned to permanent housing; and

19 WHEREAS, Jessica has motivated dozens of individuals to enter rehabilitation programs,  
20 resulting in many overcoming their addictions to drugs and alcohol. Through years of  
21 volunteering at local rehabilitation centers, she offered transportation, assisted in  
22 employment, and helped those struggling with addiction create healthier connections within  
23 their community; and

24 WHEREAS, Jessica is a state-approved licensed foster parent in the community, Foster Care  
25 Piedmont. Jessica also volunteers in her local District 9 community, teaching Sunday school  
26 to children, reminding them that they are never alone or forgotten; and

27 WHEREAS, Jessica has been involved in many outreach programs for our local homeless,  
28 providing resources, transportation, food, and shelter placement; and

29 WHEREAS, Jessica is a strong supporter of community and collaboration. She invests time  
30 and resources in other small businesses or entrepreneurs alike, supporting them however they  
31 need help, including through charitable outreach, community events, or networking and  
32 mentoring when needed; and

33 WHEREAS, Jessica promotes positivity in the press and in everyday life with all whose  
34 paths she might cross on her journey of life; and

35 WHEREAS, Jessica objectively aims to guide her audience to form their own opinions by  
36 providing only the facts without leading or misrepresenting them to conform to a particular  
37 idea or destined outcome for the benefit of others, allowing her readers to interpret the  
38 information on their own; and

39 WHEREAS, Jessica has participated in many local organizations, including the mentorship  
40 of young aspiring writers/journalists through the community high schools and colleges,  
41 providing mentorship and opportunities for young writers to build strong ethical foundations  
42 and guidance to assist with their career aspirations. She uses her connections and reputation  
43 to help them start their careers with other strong leaders in the writing community who can  
44 continue to build the next generation of writers; and

45 WHEREAS, Jessica monetarily contributes to the North Gwinnett Co-op and other food  
46 banks, student fund-raisers, scholarships, and local nonprofits in the Buford and Sugar Hill  
47 area.

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
49 the members of this body recognize and commend Jessica Wilson for her many wonderful  
50 contributions on behalf of those in-need within her community and extend best wishes for  
51 continued success.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
53 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
54 Jessica Wilson.