

House Resolution 283

By: Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Anulewicz of the 42nd, Ehrhart of the 36th, Williams of the 37th, and Setzler of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Jeri Barr upon her retirement after 35 years as chief executive
2 officer of the Center for Family Resources; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, prior to coming to the Center for Family Resources, Jeri Barr served as the
4 director of Volunteer Cobb, a United Way service, and as agency relations director for
5 United Way; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1984, Jeri began her tenure with the Center for Family Resources, a nonprofit
7 which provides services to families and individuals in Cobb County who are homeless or in
8 danger of becoming homeless; and

9 WHEREAS, Jeri began with a staff of 11 and a budget of \$350,000 in 3,000 square feet of
10 rental space at Kennestone Hospital; and

11 WHEREAS, in 35 years, Jeri has grown the Center for Family Resources into an
12 organization with a staff of 25, an annual budget of \$3.5 million, and ownership of the
13 Mansour Center, a 60,000 square foot facility that not only houses the Center for Family
14 Resources, but also contains office space for other nonprofits and conference spaces for the
15 general public, with revenue benefiting the center's mission; and

16 WHEREAS, Jeri has exemplified service beyond the Center for Family Resources, serving
17 over the years as president of the Kiwanis Club of Marietta, chair of the Cobb Collaborative,
18 chairman of the Cobb Community Transit Advisory Board, chairman/president of the East
19 Cobb Newcomers Club, and with Cobb Christmas, Cobb County Rape Crisis Center, and
20 Cobb County Community Council; and

21 WHEREAS, she is a member of the advisory boards for Kennesaw State University's Master
22 in Public Administration and MSW programs and a member of Wellstar's "First Steps"
23 Advisory Board; and she has also taken active leadership roles with Special Olympics for

24 Cobb, Junior League of Cobb/Marietta, Council of Volunteer Administrators, United Way
25 Advisory Committee, and Cobb County Children's Center (now the Center for Children and
26 Young Adults); and

27 WHEREAS, Jeri was appointed by the Governor to the Board of Commissioners of the
28 Commission on Equal Opportunity; she was also appointed by the Cobb County Commission
29 to serve on the Regional Commission on Homelessness, representing the interests of Cobb
30 County; and

31 WHEREAS, she is a graduate of Leadership Cobb and a member of the Cobb County
32 Republican Women's Club, as well as wife to former Congressman Bob Barr, mother to four
33 children, and grandmother to nine children; and

34 WHEREAS, after three and a half decades at the helm of a 58 year old Cobb County
35 nonprofit providing individuals in Cobb County with a hand-up, not a hand-out to prevent
36 homelessness, Jeri Barr will be retiring as CEO, leaving a legacy of service, accomplishment,
37 and dedication to alleviating homelessness in Cobb County.

38 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body recognize and commend Jeri Barr for her achievements, service,
40 and contributions to the betterment of Cobb County and congratulate her upon the grand
41 occasion of her retirement.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Jeri
44 Barr.