

House Resolution 284

By: Representatives Williams of the 37th and Reeves of the 34th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing, commending, and congratulating Beverly McAfee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Beverly McAfee was born in Marietta in 1939 to James and Anne Lewis; and
- 3 WHEREAS, she graduated from Marietta High School in 1957; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she married her high school sweetheart, Don McAfee; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Beverly and Don established McAfee Properties in 1964 and went on to
- 6 develop and build some of the loveliest neighborhoods in Marietta and Cobb County,
- 7 including the Commons on Kennesaw Avenue in Marietta; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she is the mother of Leigh and grandmother of Madison; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she is a lifetime member of Marietta First United Methodist Church; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she started the popular and well-attended Concerts on the Square to
- 11 commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Marietta; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she had the vision and drive to build the Park on Polk to celebrate the 175th
- 13 anniversary of Marietta First United Methodist Church, despite the fact that some church
- 14 leaders had planned to celebrate the anniversary with refrigerator magnets and lapel pins; and
- 15 WHEREAS, her passion for education and her desire to give Marietta High School students
- 16 opportunities and a sense of hope led her to found the nonprofit Marietta Mentoring for
- 17 Leadership program, matching students with potential community mentors who encourage
- 18 and support them; and

19 WHEREAS, Beverly has received numerous honors, including Marietta Citizen of the Year,
20 the Cobb Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award, and 2017 liveSAFE Woman of the Year; and

21 WHEREAS, those who know Beverly have learned not to use the words "can't" and "no"
22 when she has a vision or an idea and never to tell her something can't be done; and

23 WHEREAS, friends who see her coming know to hide their checkbooks as Beverly never
24 stops fund raising for projects and causes benefiting her community.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize, commend, and congratulate Beverly McAfee for more
27 than 50 years of service and leadership to Marietta and Cobb County and congratulate her
28 on the grand occasion of her 80th birthday.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
31 Beverly McAfee.