

Senate Resolution 213

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Tippins of the 37th, Tate of the 38th, Jordan of the 6th and Rhett of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Mary Ettl of the Project Mail Call Mission; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, spurred by the need to support veterans, Ed and Mary Ettl began Project Mail
3 Call in 2005, at first operating out of their home basement and then becoming the official
4 mission of Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mary Ettl is a lifelong Georgian and service oriented American who has
6 worked to personally touch the lives of men and women in uniform; and
- 7 WHEREAS, with the support of scores of volunteers, care packages are packed with items
8 specifically requested by soldiers in need; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the Project Mail Call Mission provides a direct and personal method to contact
10 and send customized care packages to the United States military serving overseas; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a diverse set of clubs, organizations, groups, and companies have participated
12 in packing sessions, with more than 38,000 volunteers during a 12 year period; and
- 13 WHEREAS, though all servicemen and women who receive these packages are of equal
14 importance, special attention is given to those serving in remote locations, those who do not
15 receive mail, or those who provide humanitarian aid to schools, clinics, orphanages, or
16 villages; and
- 17 WHEREAS, of the 57 countries being mailed to, some include the most challenging
18 locations in the world, including Iraq, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Somalia, and Kosovo; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mary and Ed Ettels' efforts have yielded numerous national accolades and
20 awards, including the 2014 Cobb County Citizens of the Year Award by the Cobb Chamber
21 of Commerce and East Cobb Civitan, Kiwanis, Lion, and Rotary Clubs, as well as a 2007

22 appearance and recognition on the United States Senate floor by Senators Saxby Chambliss
23 and Johnny Isakson; and

24 WHEREAS, as of July, 2017, Project Mail Call has packed and mailed more than 8,000
25 customized care packages weighing over 126,000 pounds and continues to grow; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding accomplishments
27 of this extraordinary woman.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 honor Mary Ettel as a servant leader and the Project Mail Call Mission for its many valuable
30 contributions on behalf of our armed forces and extend best wishes for its continued growth,
31 development, and success.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mary Ettel of
34 Project Mail Call Mission.