

House Resolution 1679

By: Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st, Thomas of the 39th, Allen of the 40th, and Anulewicz of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the late Jean Elisabeth Wright upon the occasion of her
2 induction into the Georgia Women of Achievement Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the late Jean Elisabeth Wright, a Cobb County resident for
4 54 years, will become the first woman from Cobb County to be inducted into the Georgia
5 Women of Achievement Hall of Fame; and

6 WHEREAS, founded in 1992 by Rosalynn Carter with a mission to honor the many
7 inspirational and courageous female trailblazers of our state, the Georgia Women of
8 Achievement Hall of Fame describes Jean as a pioneer in conservation and environmental
9 education; and

10 WHEREAS, as a conservationist, Jean diligently went about restoring her 20 acre cotton
11 farm in Marietta to the forest it had once been. Jean rescued native plants from development
12 sites, such as Six Flags over Georgia, Hartsfield-Jackson Airport, and the MARTA Station
13 near GA 400, beginning the transformation of her property into a habitat welcoming all
14 manner of wildlife; and

15 WHEREAS, Jean's commitment to conservation went beyond her property as she was a
16 member and financial supporter of the Nature Conservancy, Georgia Native Plant Society,
17 Mountain Conservation Trust of Georgia, Southeast Land Preservation Trust, and The
18 Environmental Resources Network (TERN); and

19 WHEREAS, TERN, the official "Friends Group" of the Nongame Conservation Section,
20 Wildlife Resources Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, co-sponsored
21 the annual Weekend for Wildlife, established as an educational and fundraising vehicle for
22 the Nongame Conservation Program; and

23 WHEREAS, in support of TERN and the Nongame Conservation Program, Jean attended
24 Weekend for Wildlife annually and purchased eight to ten additional tickets for family and
25 friends to participate in the educational excursions and to raise funds through the silent
26 auction; and

27 WHEREAS, former Governor Barnes stated that Jean "...was instrumental in the Green
28 Space Program." The Governor signed the Georgia Community Greenspace Program
29 legislation into law in 2000, resulting in the preservation and protection of 9,000 acres
30 statewide; and

31 WHEREAS, closer to home, in 1996, Jean and her husband, Elwood, placed their property
32 under a conservation easement. After Jean's death, Cobb County purchased the Wright
33 acreage with greenspace funds and created the Jean and Elwood Wright Environmental
34 Education Center. It is fitting that the Wright property was purchased with greenspace funds;
35 and

36 WHEREAS, Jean Elisabeth Wright served with honor and distinction and her lifelong
37 commitment to conservation and environmental education will be felt for generations to
38 come; and

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

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
42 the members of this body recognize and commend the late Jean Elisabeth Wright upon the
43 occasion of her induction into the Georgia Women of Achievement Hall of Fame.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
45 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
46 family of Jean Elisabeth Wright.