

House Resolution 1076

By: Representative Poag of the 6th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating the Bernita C. Harris Highway; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Bernita C. Harris served as a dedicated, effective, and compassionate educator
3 in the Murray County School System for 34 years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she was born in Cisco, Georgia, on July 8, 1911, to Mollie and Robert Clayton,
5 proprietors of the community general store, and lived there until her death on March 15,
6 2001; and
- 7 WHEREAS, in 1931 she married William C. Harris and they were blessed with two
8 children, William C. Harris, Jr., and Dr. Rebecca H. Whaley; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she began her teaching career in 1929 at the Cisco school, a two-room
10 schoolhouse that is now a historical site and the only one of its kind remaining in Murray
11 County; and
- 12 WHEREAS, this teacher of extraordinary ability effectively taught four grades in one room
13 using her creative skills to make learning pleasurable for students by expanding their
14 knowledge of the world and its wonders and motivating them to learn by expecting high
15 standards of performance and treating each student as a unique individual; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in her role as a teacher she served as an instrument of inspiration and
17 enthusiasm for her pupils, is fondly remembered by them as a mentor, and is a shining
18 example of the important impact that classroom teachers have on the education of the
19 children of this state; and
- 20 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the selfless dedication of this extraordinary educator
21 be recognized and memorialized.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 GEORGIA that the members of this body recognize the achievements and contributions of
3 Bernita C. Harris and designate the portion of State Highway 2 that runs from State Highway
4 225 in Murray County to U.S. Highway 411 and State Highway 61 as the "Bernita C. Harris
5 Highway."

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
7 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs designating the "Bernita C. Harris Highway."

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Bernita C.
10 Harris and to the Department of Transportation.