

## House Resolution 1212

By: Representatives Bordeaux of the 151<sup>st</sup>, Smith of the 175<sup>th</sup>, Pelote of the 149<sup>th</sup>, DeLoach of the 172<sup>nd</sup> and Mueller of the 152<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Eleanor Torrey West; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Eleanor Torrey West (better known as Sandy), now 89 years old, has spent most  
3 of her life loving and protecting Ossabaw Island; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ossabaw Island, located in Chatham County, is Georgia's third largest barrier  
5 island and one of the least impacted by human development; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Eleanor Torrey West first came to Ossabaw Island as a child when the Island  
7 was purchased by her family; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Ms. West and her family were wise stewards of the land and always respected  
9 its fragile connection to the surrounding sea and waterways; and
- 10 WHEREAS, for many years she opened Ossabaw Island to scientists, artists, writers,  
11 students, and great thinkers from all over the world, who used Ossabaw as a creative  
12 laboratory for interdisciplinary study; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in 1978, Ms. West and her family generously transferred Ossabaw Island to the  
14 State of Georgia in a bargain sale, by which Ossabaw Island was dedicated as Georgia's first  
15 Heritage Preserve to protect, conserve, and preserve the Island, with the commitment that  
16 Ossabaw Island would be used only for natural, scientific, and cultural study, research and  
17 education, and environmentally sound preservation, conservation, and management of the  
18 Island's ecosystem; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Ms. West retained a life estate on the Island and has continued to live in the  
20 Main House on Ossabaw, serving as an inspiration and watchdog for all activities on  
21 Ossabaw Island; and

1 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that Eleanor Torrey West be recognized for her  
2 lifetime contributions to Ossabaw Island and to all future generations of the State of Georgia,  
3 who will benefit from her careful stewardship and her generosity.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
5 this body recognizes March 2, 2002, as Eleanor Torrey West Day and expresses its deep  
6 appreciation to Eleanor Torrey West for her contributions to the State of Georgia.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Eleanor Torrey West.