

## House Resolution 1235

By: Representatives Channell of the 111<sup>th</sup> and Murphy of the 18<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating Rachel Athon on the occasion of her 60th birthday; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Rachel Athon was born on April 11, 1942, in Butler, in deep South Georgia, the  
3 daughter of Obie and Mary Bankston; and
- 4 WHEREAS, on August 18, 1960, she entered the bonds of holy matrimony with Troy Athon;  
5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, she lives on a large, palatial estate on the shores of Lake Oconee, where she  
7 enthusiastically engages in daily yard work, earning the affectionate nickname of "Ditch  
8 Witch" from her close friends; and
- 9 WHEREAS, when she is arrayed in her yard working apparel, she looks like a professional  
10 gardener, so much so, that a passerby once stopped and asked for her business card; and
- 11 WHEREAS, what the passerby didn't know, but Troy does is that, they couldn't afford her;  
12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, her outstanding love of frogs is well known; a frog is any of various  
14 smooth-skinned web-footed largely aquatic tailless leaping amphibians and she has at least  
15 one of every variety that has ever been identified displayed somewhere on her palatial estate,  
16 and is at this moment looking for more; and
- 17 WHEREAS, her guest house is named— what else?— "The Lily Pad;" and
- 18 WHEREAS, she will throw a party at the drop of a hat, but only schedules parties for days  
19 ending in "day;" and

1 WHEREAS, she owns a juke box with great old songs that, when combined with appropriate  
2 adult beverages, will make people want to touch one another; and

3 WHEREAS, although she is almost as old as the dirt in her yard, she refuses to grow up and  
4 in her mind remains the same teenager who once put the record "Annie Had a Baby" on the  
5 local church chimes, thereby creating a proud moment for her parents.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
7 the members of this body congratulate Rachel Athon on the occasion of her 60th birthday.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Rachel Athon.