

House Resolution 1385

By: Representatives Porter of the 143rd and Purcell of the 147th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating Kathleen Shearouse Futrelle on her 100th birthday; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on March 21, 2002, Kathleen Shearouse Futrelle will achieve a distinction
3 attained by few as she celebrates her 100th birthday; and
- 4 WHEREAS, this exceptional lady, "Miss Kitty," was born to Eva Berry and Jerome Austen
5 Shearouse, descendants of the first settlers of Effingham County, the Salzburgers, who came
6 to Savannah in 1734 and were taken up the Savannah River by General James Edward
7 Oglethorpe to a bluff on the river called Ebenezer where they established a community; and
- 8 WHEREAS, many beaux pursued this lovely young lady, but a handsome veteran from
9 World War I, Franklin Jefferson Futrelle, won her heart and proudly shared the blessings of
10 parenthood with Franklin, Jr.; Louise; and Elizabeth; and years of family joy; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in 1940, Kitty and Frank built Greentrees, a dream house on 5000 acres of land
12 with the Ogeechee River flowing through it, and Kitty, a born naturalist, lived out her dream
13 growing exquisite camellias, gorgeous azaleas, and mastering all aspects of horticulture; and
- 14 WHEREAS, she has been a member of the historic Guyton Methodist Church from birth, has
15 sat on the same side of the church and probably the same pew for a century, and been a
16 generous contributor, dear friend, and purveyor of her famous lemon pies; and
- 17 WHEREAS, following the loss of Mr. Frank in 1962, she built a smaller house across the
18 street from where she was born in Guyton where she continued to live until she was 97 years
19 old and agreed to reside with Libby so that the very fortunate seven grandchildren and 11
20 great-grandchildren can continue to know and enjoy this delightful matriarch, "Kitty Kat."
- 21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 this body congratulates Miss Kitty Futrelle on the momentous occasion of her 100th birthday.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Kathleen S. Futrelle.