

Senate Resolution 956

By: Senator Hooks of the 14th

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and achievements of Viola Hart Felton; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Viola Hart Felton, born April 11, 1870, was the royal Grand Matron of the  
3 Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Stars Jurisdiction of Georgia Prince Hall for 32 years;  
4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, Viola Hart was instrumental in helping young ladies to study nursing and  
6 pursue careers in nursing; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Viola Hart Felton reached out to the children by helping to build the Masonic  
8 Orphans Home in Americus, Georgia, during a period of time when there were many  
9 orphaned children; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Ms. Felton was affectionately known as Sister Hart until her death on March  
11 31, 1933, and earned the epitaph "Lover of Humanity"; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the life and works of Viola Hart Felton continue to serve as bright and shining  
13 beacons of light for the officers of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Stars Jurisdiction  
14 of Georgia Prince Hall Affiliate, including Worthy Matron Priscilla Pope; Worthy Patron  
15 Nathaniel Hollis, III; Associate Matron Yolanda Stephens; Associate Patron Dannie L. Surry,  
16 Sr.; Past Matron Mary Surry; Worshipful Master Lewis McGhee; and others.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
18 honor the life and outstanding achievements of Viola Hart Felton and express their  
19 appreciation for the excellent service she rendered as an outstanding citizen of the State of  
20 Georgia.
- 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
22 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Viola Hart Felton.