

House Resolution 445

By: Representative Smith of the 103rd

A RESOLUTION

1 In tribute to Katherine Blake Shell; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Katherine Blake Shell will be long-remembered by her family and close friends
3 and by the wide circle of young students whose lives were touched by this very dedicated and
4 talented public school teacher, principal, and community leader; and

5 WHEREAS, she was born and reared in Fort Payne, Alabama; graduated from Auburn
6 University; and received graduate degrees in education from West Georgia College; and

7 WHEREAS, she began teaching in the Coweta County school system in January, 1972, and
8 became the coordinator for the gifted students curriculum and Principal of Canongate
9 Elementary School where she demonstrated her knowledge, creativity, and love for her
10 profession as she encouraged her pupils to their highest potential achievement; and

11 WHEREAS, she was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church in Newnan and actively
12 exercised her deep spiritual faith to benefit her congregation and the community as a whole,
13 and she served most capably as the chairman of the Newnan-Coweta Public Library Board
14 where her leadership, vision, and commitment as a board member were repeatedly sought;
15 and

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17 WHEREAS, her initiative, foresight, and abiding compassion left an indelible mark on the
18 lives of many and created a wonderful legacy in the community to be cherished forever.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 this body recognizes the tremendous contributions of Katherine Blake Shell to Newnan and
21 Coweta County and pays tribute to this beloved teacher and treasured community friend.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Katherine Blake Shell.