

House Resolution 109

By: Representatives Moraitakis of the 42nd, Post 4 and Wilkinson of the 41st

A RESOLUTION

1 To commend Sano Themia Halo and Thea Halo; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the great state of Georgia is home to many ethnic communities that value and
3 cherish the principles of freedom and democracy upon which our country was founded; and

4 WHEREAS, tragically, hundreds of thousands of Greeks, Armenians, and Assyrians were
5 killed or displaced from 1915 to 1923 in areas surrounding the Black Sea Coast, Pontus, and
6 Smyrna in Asia Minor; and

7 WHEREAS, acknowledgment and awareness of this time in history serves as a reminder to
8 all Americans of the consequences of bigotry, hatred, and intolerance; and

9 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that all freedom-loving people worldwide and in the State
10 of Georgia join with the Greek-American community in solemn commemoration of the
11 suffering and cruelty inflicted upon the defenseless and unarmed during the persecution of
12 Greeks in Asia Minor; and

13 WHEREAS, Sano Themia Halo experienced and survived the traumatic and haunting events
14 of this time, witnessing the decimation of her village as she knew it and the annihilation of
15 her family; and

16 WHEREAS, Thea Halo vividly captured the harrowing and poignant firsthand account of her
17 mother Sano Themia Halo's survival of the Turkish death marches and genocide in the
18 period following World War I in the writing of her mother's memoir, "Not Even My Name";
19 and

20 WHEREAS, both Sano Themia Halo and Thea Halo have exhibited great courage and
21 determination in bringing this period to light through their writings and presentations all
22 around this great land; and

1 WHEREAS, both women are true humanitarians, great citizens, and friends.

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
3 the members of this body commend and express their grateful appreciation and admiration
4 for these great women, Sano Themia Halo and Thea Halo.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sano Themia Halo and Thea
7 Halo.