

## House Resolution 221

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 41<sup>st</sup> and Rynders of the 137<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Camilla Moore Merts; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Camilla Moore Merts will long be remembered by her many friends, neighbors,  
3 and family who valued her wonderful outlook on life and her active involvement in her  
4 community; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Merts was born on November 14, 1923, in Atlanta, Georgia, and after  
6 earning her Bachelor of Arts in psychology and mathematics from Agnes Scott College,  
7 moved to Albany, Georgia, with her family; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she attended classes at Georgia State University, the University of Georgia,  
9 Florida State University, and Auburn University where she received a master's degree in  
10 education and a specialist degree in special education. Mrs. Merts served the Dougherty  
11 County School System as both teacher and special education director for 28 years; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Merts received an award for dedication and service from the Council of  
13 Exceptional Children and was also recognized for her faithful and extraordinary service to  
14 the education of young people and for her outstanding support of special education in field  
15 day activities; and
- 16 WHEREAS, this remarkable lady with many talents and interests owned property in the  
17 wildlife refuge of Little Cumberland Island on Georgia's coast where she became a  
18 champion for saving and restoring the lighthouse on the island, and she extensively studied  
19 the history of the island and the lighthouse and published "The Story of Little Cumberland  
20 Island Lighthouse" and received the prestigious Henry Meigs award for outstanding service  
21 to Little Cumberland Island; and

1 WHEREAS, her environmental interests included the activities of the Wilderness Society,  
2 the Sierra Club, the Georgia Conservancy, Nature Conservancy, National Wildlife  
3 Federation, and the Audubon Society; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Merts's fascination with nature and local history extended to collecting  
5 Georgia folk art, prints, artifacts, and an extensive library of Georgia history and natural  
6 resource guide books; and

7 WHEREAS, she was a devoted wife to her husband, Milton; a loving and caring mother to  
8 her children; and a beloved grandmother, sister, and aunt, and her devotion to friends and  
9 family and her kindness and willingness to help others endeared her to all who knew this  
10 good woman.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
12 the members of this body express their regret at the passing of Camilla Moore Merts and  
13 convey their sincerest sympathy to the members of her family.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
15 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Camilla Moore  
16 Merts.