

House Resolution 377

By: Representative Stephenson of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Post 1

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Annie Johnson Brye for her remarkable life in the face of seemingly  
2 overwhelming odds and inviting her to appear before the House of Representatives; and for  
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Annie Johnson Brye was born on August 31, 1898, the granddaughter of  
5 slaves who worked in the Alabama cotton fields from sunup to sundown, lived in a cabin  
6 with no plumbing or electricity, and washed clothes in an iron pot with homemade lye soap;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Brye graduated from Alabama State College in Montgomery and began  
9 a teaching career of 35 years providing a positive role model to her many students and  
10 encouraging them to look for ways to overcome their obstacles; and

11 WHEREAS, she was active in community affairs throughout her life, worked as a supervisor  
12 for a community action program after she retired as a teacher, and taught adult education  
13 classes until she was 93; and

14 WHEREAS, she was recently featured in an article by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* about  
15 successful centenarians; and

16 WHEREAS, Senior Week at the capitol has been established to recognize the valuable  
17 contributions older Georgians have made to our state and will be observed the week of  
18 March 3-7, 2003; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Council on Aging has chosen to honor Mrs. Brye as a  
20 Distinguished Senior Georgian of 2003 in recognition of her contributions to her community  
21 and state and the positive role model she represents for young and old alike.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body recognize and commend Mrs. Annie Johnson Brye for her  
3 dedication and public service as a Distinguished Senior Georgian for 2003.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mrs. Annie Johnson Brye is invited to appear before the  
5 House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Annie Johnson Brye.