

House Resolution 416

By: Representatives Brooks of the 47th, Orrock of the 51st, Sinkfield of the 50th, and Oliver of the 56th, Post 2

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Frances F. Pauley and expressing sympathy upon her passing; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Frances Freeborn Pauley, a courageous advocate for civil rights and economic
4 justice whose activist career spanned seven decades, died on February 16, 2003, at the age
5 of 97 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Pauley served as president of the Georgia League of Women Voters, was
7 active in the fight to keep open the public schools of this state in the aftermath of the Brown
8 v. Board of Education ruling in 1954, and set up a program to provide poor children with
9 school lunches before there was a federal school lunch program; and

10 WHEREAS, she was recently nominated for a national award for a program which she
11 initiated with the Atlanta Gas Light Company called the H.E.A.T. program, which helps poor
12 people with their heating bills; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Pauley's social activism began in the 1930's during the Depression and
14 continued into the early 1990's, when she was working on homelessness, gay rights, and
15 AIDS; and

16 WHEREAS, hers was an extraordinary career of fearlessly doing the difficult work of
17 lobbying and educating wherever there was clear injustice and a need for compassionate
18 advocacy; and

19 WHEREAS, Frances F. Pauley was a very important woman in the history of Georgia.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body honor Frances Freeborn Pauley for her extraordinary service to this

1 state and to the world and express their immense gratitude for a legacy of compassion and
2 justice that continues to challenge and inspire.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our sincere condolences are expressed to her family.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Marilyn Beittel.