

House Resolution 652

By: Representative Purcell of the 122nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Willie Grier Todd; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Willie Grier Todd is a native of Effingham County and a long time resident
3 of Guyton, where at age 93 she remains a social, cultural, and civic icon whose knowledge
4 of history and contributions to the county and city are priceless; and

5 WHEREAS, she obtained her graduate degree in history, taught in the Effingham County
6 Schools and at Tift College, and was a professor of history at Georgia Southern University
7 until her retirement; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Todd founded the annual Guyton Tour of Homes in 1979; and she still
9 presides at her historic home, a focal point of the tour, with the graciousness of a true
10 Southern lady; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Todd established both the Guyton Historical Society and the Historic
12 Effingham Society, and her tireless research and immense historical knowledge led to the
13 placement of the City of Guyton on the national Register of Historic Sites in 1982; and

14 WHEREAS, she received the prestigious John Adam Treutlen Award in 1988 and is an
15 outstanding Georgian and an asset to Guyton and Effingham County.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body commend Dr. Willie Grier Todd for her many achievements and
18 contributions to the welfare of her community and this state.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Willie Grier Todd.