

House Resolution 808

By: Representatives Williams of the 128th and DeLoach of the 127th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Mrs. Lillie Bell Gaulden; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lillie Bell Gaulden was born on February 20, 1902; and
- 3 WHEREAS, she celebrated her one hundred first birthday on February 20, 2003; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she spent her life in the McIntosh and Dorchester communities of Liberty
5 County, Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she attended the historic Dorchester Academy in Liberty County; and
- 7 WHEREAS, her parents were dead by the time she was 11, but she survived and assisted in
8 the rearing of five younger siblings; and
- 9 WHEREAS, following in the footsteps of her mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother,
10 she learned to sew when she was about six years old; and
- 11 WHEREAS, when her mother died, she inherited their three sewing machines which were
12 her prized possessions; and
- 13 WHEREAS, as a seamstress, she worked for some of the most prominent families in the
14 county; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gaulden's deep religious faith has been her enduring strength; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she reared 12 children and made sure they were well-grounded in the same faith
17 that had been her fortress; she taught them everything that was right and carried them to St.
18 James Holiness Church of God in Christ; and

1 WHEREAS, the most important lessons that Mrs. Gaulden taught her children were a strong
2 faith in God, a good work ethic, and an appreciation for education; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gaulden attributes her longevity to "living right," and says, "Pray about
4 everything. Fast and pray."; and

5 WHEREAS, today, her greatest joy is her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and
6 great-great-grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lillie Bell Gaulden is one of Georgia's most treasured citizens, as well as
8 a rare national treasure who has left a remarkable legacy in Liberty County.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 the members of this body honor Mrs. Lillie Bell Gaulden and extend to her their best and
11 kindest regards.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Lillie Bell Gaulden.