

House Resolution 1283

By: Representatives Thomas of the 43rd, Post 1, Brooks of the 47th, Channell of the 77th, Stanley-Turner of the 43rd, Post 2, Beasley-Teague of the 48th, Post 2, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Mrs. Mary Sallie Clark Hughes and inviting her to appear before the House of
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mary Sallie Clark Hughes, affectionately known as "Mother Hughes," was born
4 on December 8, 1913, in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, to Annie and West Clark, who both
5 died when she was an infant; and

6 WHEREAS, when she came of age, she moved to Atlanta where she, with great
7 determination, continued her education at Booker T. Washington School while working full
8 time; and

9 WHEREAS, when she was over 50 years of age, she graduated as valedictorian of her class;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, following a deep desire to help others, she enrolled in the Bennett School of
12 Nursing in Atlanta, from which she graduated with outstanding honors; and

13 WHEREAS, she has been a practicing registered licensed practical nurse since 1964 and
14 continues to maintain a current license at the age of 90 years so she is always prepared to
15 render service when needed; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hughes has been an active member of the Mt. Zion Second Baptist Church
17 since 1942; and

18 WHEREAS, for more than 60 years she has on her own initiative distributed boxes of
19 clothing to the homeless and needy in our state; and

20 WHEREAS, each year for decades, she has marked the celebration of her birthday by
21 distributing one box of clothing for each year of her life; and

1 WHEREAS, people all over the state who have learned of her dedicated work send clothing
2 donations in support of her one-woman missionary efforts; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hughes is the 1997-1998 recipient of the WXIA-11 Alive television
4 station community service award for her volunteer services and the 1995-1996 recipient of
5 the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change Community Service Award;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, her life's goal is to work toward the day when all poverty and homelessness are
8 eliminated.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 the members of this body honor and commend the remarkable achievements and excellent
11 contributions of Mrs. Mary Sallie Clark Hughes and recognize her as an outstanding citizen
12 of the State of Georgia.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mrs. Hughes is invited to appear before the House of
14 Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives.