

## House Resolution 1353

By: Representatives Buckner of the 109<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 113<sup>th</sup>, Skipper of the 116<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 110<sup>th</sup>, and Epps of the 90<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Talbot County and recognizing Talbot County Day; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Talbot County is rich in history and was created by an Act of the Georgia  
3 General Assembly in 1827; and
- 4 WHEREAS, LeVert College is one of the first all-female colleges established in Georgia as  
5 the Talbotton Female Academy in 1830; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Georgia was created by an Act of the General Assembly  
7 on December 10, 1845, and held its first session in Talbotton on January 26, 1846; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Talbot County reached its zenith between 1850 and 1860 with a population of  
9 16,534 making it the fifth largest county in the state; and
- 10 WHEREAS, during the same decade, Talbot County had three Representatives and one  
11 Senator in the Georgia General Assembly; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Talbot County was home to the family of Lazarus Straus from 1852 to 1863;  
13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, from humble beginnings, he developed the national department store chain  
15 known as Macy's; and
- 16 WHEREAS, his son, Isidor Straus, and his wife, Ida, traveled and perished on the Titanic;  
17 and
- 18 WHEREAS, the Talbotton Branch Railroad Company, later known as the "Talbotton Short,"  
19 is believed to have been the last steam powered scheduled passenger service in Georgia,  
20 operating from 1872 through 1956; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1882, the *Talbotton New Era* began and continues to this day and, beginning  
2 at the age of 13, Lynda Lee Bryan was a writer for the newspaper for 81 years – one of the  
3 longest serving newspaper reporters in Georgia history; and

4 WHEREAS, JA Battle Ford dealership was, in 1927, the first Ford dealership to be owned  
5 by a woman, Mrs. Kate Smith Battle; and

6 WHEREAS, Talbot County native Alfonzo Biggs (1904-2004) was a champion for civil  
7 rights and was known for his generosity and wealth of knowledge regarding regional black  
8 history; and

9 WHEREAS, Clarence Leonard Jordan (1913-1969) was born and reared in Talbotton and  
10 later founded Koinonia Farm from which Habitat for Humanity evolved.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
12 the members of this body commend Talbot County and its residents on their many  
13 contributions to the history, culture, tradition, and economy of the State of Georgia and  
14 recognize March 5, 2004, as Talbot County Day.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
16 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Talbot County Chamber  
17 of Commerce and the Talbot County Board of Commissioners.