

## House Resolution 1391

By: Representatives White of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Post 2, Brock of the 5<sup>th</sup>, and Forster of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Post 1

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the contributions of Bernita C. Harris to Murray County; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Bernita C. Harris served as a dedicated, effective, and compassionate educator  
3 in the Murray County School System for 34 years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she was born in Cisco, Georgia, on July 8, 1911, to Mollie and Robert Clayton,  
5 proprietors of the community general store, and lived there until her death on March 15,  
6 2001; and
- 7 WHEREAS, in 1931, she married William C. Harris and they were blessed with two  
8 children, William C. Harris, Jr., and Dr. Rebecca H. Whaley; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she began her teaching career in 1929 at the Cisco school, a two-room  
10 schoolhouse that is now a historical site and the only one of its kind remaining in Murray  
11 County; and
- 12 WHEREAS, this teacher of extraordinary ability effectively taught four grades in one room  
13 using her creative skills to make learning pleasurable for students by expanding their  
14 knowledge of the world and its wonders and motivating them to learn by expecting high  
15 standards of performance and treating each student as a unique individual; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in her role as a teacher, she served as an instrument of inspiration and  
17 enthusiasm for her pupils, is fondly remembered by them as a mentor, and is a shining  
18 example of the important impact that classroom teachers have on the education of the  
19 children of this state; and
- 20 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the selfless dedication of this extraordinary educator  
21 be recognized and memorialized.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body recognize the achievements and contributions of Bernita C. Harris  
3 and encourage the Murray County Commissioner to designate a local road or portion thereof  
4 in Murray County honoring her by name.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
6 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Bernita C.  
7 Harris and to the Murray County Commissioner.