

House Resolution 1589

By: Representatives Cummings of the 19th, Heath of the 18th, Maxwell of the 27th, and Richardson of the 26th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Ms. Geraldine Edmond Holmes; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ms. Geraldine Edmond Holmes passed away on April 9, 2003, at the untimely
3 age of 55; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she was born on September 14, 1947, in Franklin, Tennessee, the daughter of
5 the late Joseph L. Edmonds and Clara Taylor Edmonds; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she attended the University of the Americas in Mexico City, and in 1969 she
7 received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Sienna College for Women with majors in
8 English and French and minors in Spanish and sociology, and in 1973 she was awarded a
9 Juris Doctor degree from Memphis State University; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she began practicing law in Cedartown in 1975, most recently serving as
11 District Attorney for the Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit, she participated in many professional
12 and community service organizations, and she was a volunteer teacher of French and
13 English; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Ms. Holmes was appointed by the superior court judges of her circuit to
15 establish the Polk County Child Abuse Protocol Committee, for which she served as
16 chairperson; and in 2000 and 2001 she served as judge of the American Trial Lawyers of
17 America Appellate Advocacy Competitions; and
- 18 WHEREAS, she was a parishioner of St. Bernadette Catholic Church, where she served as
19 organist for 27 years; and
- 20 WHEREAS, she is survived by her loving husband, Joseph Calloway Holmes, Jr.; a son,
21 Joseph Calloway Holmes III; daughter and son-in-law Cade and Christopher Gaines
22 Dempsey; and daughter Mary Genevieve Holmes.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body express regret at the passing of Ms. Geraldine Edmond Holmes and
3 convey condolences to her grieving family.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Joseph Calloway Holmes,
6 Jr.