

House Resolution 1771

By: Representatives Greene-Johnson of the 60th, Post 3, Maddox of the 59th, Post 2, Fludd of the 48th, Post 4, Mitchell of the 61st, Post 3, Jordan of the 83rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and honoring Mrs. Narvie Jordan Harris; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Narvie Jordan Harris has dedicated her life to ensure that African
3 American children receive equal opportunities for a quality education; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Narvie Jordan Harris has dedicated over 40 years to improve the education
5 of all children in Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in 1944 Mrs. Narvie Jordan Harris became a DeKalb County Jeanes supervisor,
7 an administrator for the segregated black schools; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Narvie Jordan Harris has spent her career working with administrators,
9 parents, community members, and students to improve educational standards and
10 opportunities in DeKalb County; and
- 11 WHEREAS, although Mrs. Narvie Jordan Harris retired in 1983 from official service to
12 DeKalb County students, she has never stopped working for children; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Narvie Jordan Harris coauthored histories of Georgia and National PTA's
14 and the Decatur/DeKalb Retired Teachers Association as well as *African American*
15 *Education in DeKalb*, a book that provides a narrative and pictorial history of 40 years of
16 black experiences in DeKalb schools; and
- 17 WHEREAS, education in DeKalb County would have progressed much more slowly without
18 Mrs. Narvie Jordan Harris, because of her belief in promoting excellence in education; and
- 19 WHEREAS, it has been Mrs. Narvie Jordan Harris's mission to educate children of DeKalb
20 County regardless of race; and

1 WHEREAS, the Narvie J. Harris Traditional Theme School was originally built and named
2 in honor of Mrs. Harris; and

3 WHEREAS, the Narvie J. Harris Parent Teachers Association, along with the school's
4 administration, students, parents, and community leaders wish to celebrate the life of an
5 extraordinary living legend.

6 NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES recognize and honor Mrs. Narvie Jordan Harris for her more than 40
8 years of general service and dedication to the education of all children in DeKalb County.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Narvie Jordan Harris.