

## House Resolution 381

By: Representatives Carter of the 159<sup>th</sup>, Mosley of the 178<sup>th</sup>, and Smith of the 168<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Remembering and honoring the life of Mr. Joe Sears; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on March 5, 1941, Joe Sears was born to loving parents Edgar Lewis and Grace  
3 Moore Sears; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he grew up in Nahunta, Georgia, working in the turpentine industry alongside  
5 his father and, after graduating from Nahunta High School, he attended the University of  
6 Georgia where he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration; and
- 7 WHEREAS, returning to Brantley County to become an educator, Mr. Sears touched the  
8 lives of countless students whom he taught to value hard work and determination while  
9 encouraging their creativity and ingenuity; and
- 10 WHEREAS, his own life was guided by these values, and he was not only a highly esteemed  
11 teacher but also grew tobacco, built the Bay View Nursing Home, and, in 1996, planted six  
12 acres of blueberries which grew into a successful, 200 acre, full-time business; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he served on the Brantley County Board of Education, the Georgia State Board  
14 of Education, and the Georgia Nursing Home Association; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he was a devoted and faithful husband to his wife, Mrs. Gloria Popwell Sears,  
16 and, during their 44 happy years of marriage, they built their home together, raised two  
17 beloved daughters, Denise Moody and Dara Sears, and enjoyed their precious grandson,  
18 Zane Sears Moody; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mr. Sears leaves behind a wealth of family and friends, including the entire  
20 Nahunta community, who will remember his amiable and giving nature and his many  
21 contributions to both Brantley County and the State of Georgia.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body join to express their deepent regret at the passing of Mr. Joe Sears  
3 and extend their most sincere condolences to his family and the Nahunta community.

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 the family of Mr. Joe Sears.