

House Resolution 618

By: Representatives Buckner of the 130th, Hugley of the 133rd, Smyre of the 132nd, Smith of the 129th, Smith of the 131st, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Remembering and honoring the life of Mrs. Rozell Fair Fabiani; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rozell Fair Fabiani was born in Cleveland, Tennessee, to the late Alice
3 White Fair and William Robert Fair; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she moved to Columbus, Georgia, in 1949 and went to work for WRBL radio
5 as a receptionist and later served as advertising copy writer and continuity director before
6 signing on with WRBL-TV in 1953 as director of women's programs; and
- 7 WHEREAS, fans remember her as the talented, witty, and amiable host of the unrehearsed
8 "At Home with Rozell," which first aired on September 22, 1954, featuring colorful guests
9 and the latest news and often giving a voice to worthy causes; and
- 10 WHEREAS, local television viewers invited her into their homes on more than 9,000
11 occasions to enjoy her conversations with politicians, Miss Americas, square dance callers,
12 and a St. Bernard dog that, she quipped, "wasn't very talkative"; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Fabiani founded the Gracious Ladies of Georgia, an organization that was
14 established in 1977 to recognize women who have contributed to the advancement of their
15 respective communities and improved the quality of life in Georgia; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she was the embodiment of the lines "A Gracious Lady is caring and sharing
17 tear drops and pleasures. Her graciousness adds new dimensions to the lives of others and
18 to her own as well," and she was sincerely "concerned... for family, for friends, for her
19 community and her State and Nation. You know... but sometimes are prone to forget, that
20 she too, has climbed many mountains... has walked in many lonely valleys. You forget
21 because behind that gracious serenity of her face... shines through an inner peace that is no
22 less than a gift from God"; and

1 WHEREAS, the Columbus community and the State of Georgia will not forget the legacy
2 of this truly remarkable and gracious lady.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body join to express their deep regret at the passing of Mrs. Rozell Fair
5 Fabiani and extend their sincere condolences to her family.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Rozell
8 Fair Fabiani.