

House Resolution 1520

By: Representative Benfield of the 85th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Edna Bramlett Hawkins and expressing regret at her passing; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Edna Bramlett Hawkins may be best remembered by senior Cobb citizens for
4 her column in the Marietta Daily Journal which she wrote in the 1960's, touching the lives
5 of so many; and

6 WHEREAS, immensely talented, she shared with others her gift of writing as an author, poet,
7 teacher, and friend; and

8 WHEREAS, she was a prolific writer for more than 50 years, contributing to over 60
9 magazines and newspapers, including *War Cry* magazine just three months ago and Billy
10 Graham's *Decision* magazine for which she received letters from all over the world; and

11 WHEREAS, she was a regular contributor to the *Marietta Daily Journal's* Poet's Corner that
12 ran for many years, wrote poems aired on Marietta station WFOM, published a book of verse
13 entitled "Vagabond Dreams," and was appointed poet laureate of Cobb County; and

14 WHEREAS, she made the front page of the *Marietta Daily Journal* when she was selected
15 to be the first woman in Georgia to serve on a grand jury, later writing about this and her
16 other opportunities to serve on numerous jury panels; and

17 WHEREAS, while in her 60's she began the Marietta Travel Club with her sister, Louise
18 Poor, and was a tour guide for ten years, traveling to every state, Europe, Japan, the Middle
19 East and Mexico in addition to every major tourist attraction in the United States and
20 Canada; and

21 WHEREAS, Edna Bramlett Hawkins was a true friend and devoted family member who, by
22 the example of her own life memorialized in her autobiography, "The Path I Did Not

1 Choose," made the world a better place in which to live and entrusted us with her writings
2 which shall remain, impacting generations to come.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body honor the life of 92-year-old Edna Bramlett Hawkins and express
5 sincere regret at the passing of this distinguished Georgian.

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 her family.