

House Resolution 2142

By: Representative Fleming of the 117<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Mrs. Edith Hardin Reese on the occasion of her 100th birthday; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on May 23, 2006, Mrs. Edith Hardin Reese of Leah, Georgia, will celebrate the  
4 very impressive milestone of her 100th birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Reese's family was one of the founding families of Columbia County,  
6 Georgia, having established residency in 1789, and she continues to live in her childhood  
7 home; and

8 WHEREAS, the daughter of Jabez Sandford Hardin, the long-standing superintendent of  
9 Columbia County Schools, Mrs. Reese cherished, contributed, and was cognizant of the  
10 importance of education, serving as an educator in the Georgia public school system for more  
11 than 30 years; and

12 WHEREAS, this remarkable lady is a 71 year breast cancer survivor and is revered for mind  
13 over matter, having reluctantly relinquished her driver's license in 2004; and

14 WHEREAS, known for being an accomplished pianist at her church, Damascus Baptist  
15 Church, Mrs. Reese has watched the world change dramatically over the course of her  
16 lifetime and has contributed to its progress by her own hard work and good citizenship; and

17 WHEREAS, over the course of the past century, this distinguished lady has touched the lives  
18 of countless individuals with her generosity, compassion, and sweet and constant spirit; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Reese was the loving wife of the late Walter Reese and has proudly  
20 imparted her accumulated knowledge and wisdom to her extended family including many  
21 nieces, nephews, and their children, teaching them the strong values that have served her  
22 well; and

1 WHEREAS, by the example she has made of her life, Mrs. Reese makes this world a better  
2 place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be appropriately recognized  
3 during this very special and memorable time.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
5 the members of this body express their congratulations and best wishes to one of our state's  
6 most honorable citizens, Mrs. Edith Hardin Reese, on the happy event of her 100th birthday  
7 and thank her for all her many contributions to Georgia.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Edith Hardin Reese.