

House Resolution 252

By: Representatives Holt of the 112th and Smith of the 113th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Remembering and honoring the life of Mrs. Annette Milliken; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Annette Milliken was a southern lady of exceptional taste and distinction
3 and was a shining pillar of the Morgan County community; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Annette, a proud daughter of Georgia, was born in Jackson County, graduated
5 from Bass High School in Atlanta, and relished many happy vacations visiting with her
6 aunts, uncles, and cousins in Athens; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she married her high school sweetheart, John Milliken, on August 4, 1956, and
8 Annette started a career at the Fulton Federal Savings and Loan, but, after giving birth to her
9 first daughter, Susan, in 1960 and her second daughter, Gail, in 1964, Annette decided to
10 become a full-time mother and homemaker; and
- 11 WHEREAS, John, who worked for Southern Bell, was transferred to Bell Labs in Murray
12 Hill, New Jersey, where the Milliken family spent several years and where Annette created
13 the Candle Cellar, a business that specialized in quality, handcrafted candles; and
- 14 WHEREAS, when the family returned to Georgia, Annette started another candle business
15 in Stone Mountain, adding floristry and a number of other crafts to her repertoire; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Annette's love of flowers became a lifelong passion, and she was renowned
17 throughout the United States for her extensive knowledge and keen artistic sense, winning
18 countless blue ribbons for her flower arrangements, the Governor's Award in the Connecticut
19 Flower Show, and the title of National Life Flower Show Judge; and
- 20 WHEREAS, she was selected as president of the Greensboro Garden Club, first vice
21 president of the Imaginative Judges Study Group, was a member of the Northeast Georgia
22 Judges Council, and was a co-founder of the Antebellum Garden Club; and

1 WHEREAS, Annette was proud of her heritage as a Georgian and as a citizen of the United
2 States, and she was treasurer of the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy
3 and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution; and

4 WHEREAS, Annette was proud of her community and state and often invited newcomers
5 to the many clubs, social organizations, and political rallies in which she participated, serving
6 as president of the Bethany-Buckhead Friendship Club and welcoming new community
7 residents through the Lake Oconee Newcomers and the Madison Newcomers; and

8 WHEREAS, Annette was an active member of the Republican party and supported it with
9 unparalleled enthusiasm by hosting fundraisers and opening her home to Republican
10 candidates for office; and

11 WHEREAS, her life was marked by a rare warmth and generosity, and she never hesitated
12 to help friends and strangers in need and was always ready to offer friendly advice or a
13 supportive hug; and

14 WHEREAS, for Annette, life was an adventure, believing that, "one may skin their knees
15 along the way, but sharing the sunrise on top of the mountain with friends and family makes
16 the journey worth all the effort."

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body join together to honor the memory of Mrs. Annette Milliken,
19 recognize her many amazing accomplishments, express their deepest regret at her passing,
20 and extend their most sincere condolences to her family.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Annette
23 Milliken.