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House Resolution 320

By: Representative Hugley of the 133rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life of Ms. Harriet Ethel Sherald and expressing regret at her passing; and for
- 2 other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recently lost one of its finest and most distinguished
- 4 citizens with the tragic and untimely passing of Harriet Ethel Sherald; and
- 5 WHEREAS, she was born in Columbus, Georgia, the daughter of the late Mrs. Eleanor Mary
- 6 Alexander Sherald and the late Mr. Amos Percy Sherald, Jr., and the descendant of two of
- 7 the oldest, most well-known and highly respected families of Columbus, Georgia. Her
- 8 maternal grandparents were the late Mrs. Annie Johnson Alexander and the late Mr. Gabriel
- 9 Alexander. Her paternal grandparents were the late Mrs. Ethel Williams Sherald and the late
- 10 Mr. Amos Percy Sherald, Sr., who established Sherald's Barber Shop in 1898 which closed
- 11 its doors in January 2000; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Harriet was a devoted and faithful member of the First African Baptist Church
- 13 teaching Sunday school and was part of the Rachel Missionary Circle; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Ms. Sherald's early education was received in the public schools of Columbus,
- and she graduated from Spencer High School in 1947, she attended Spelman College and
- 16 Albany State University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education, and she
- 17 earned a master's degree in elementary education from New York University; and
- 18 WHEREAS, she first taught at Lumpkin Elementary School in Lumpkin, Georgia and later
- 19 returned to Columbus, teaching for 17 years in the Muscogee County School System, and her
- 20 last school assignment was Edwina Wood Elementary School; and
- 21 WHEREAS, her professional affiliations included the Georgia Retired Educators
- 22 Association, the Association of Muscogee County Retired Educators, Club 13, the Columbus
- 23 Phenix City Club of the Negro Business and Professional Women, Inc., Silver Star member

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of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for 48 years, and past president of the Gamma Tau

- 2 Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; and
- 3 WHEREAS, her sparkling personality reflected and mirrored a beautiful smile, and deep
- 4 warmth and encouragement were often uttered from her lips; and
- 5 WHEREAS, one of her greatest attributes was her friendliness and concern for others and
- 6 she was known to family and friends as "Suzy Sunshine"; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she was granted a peaceful transition from this life to eternal bliss with her Lord
- 8 and Savior on Sunday, February 11, 2007; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she leaves to cherish her memory a sister-in-law, Geraldine H. Sherald of
- 10 Columbus; two nieces, Harriet Dom Grayson of Lithonia and Amy M. Sherald of Columbus;
- 11 two nephews, Amos P. Sherald IV of Long Island, New York and Michael E. Sherald of
- 12 Columbus; one great-niece, Caris Grayson; devoted cousins, Cynthia Saxton of Midland,
- 13 Georgia, Thomas Works and Ozella Thompson, Columbus, Georgia; and many other
- 14 relatives and friends.
- 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 16 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of Ms.
- 17 Harriet Ethel Sherald.
- 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ms. Harriet
- 20 Ethel Sherald.