

House Resolution 330

By: Representative James of the 135th

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Mary Murray on the occasion of her 85th
2 birthday; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on February 23, 2007, Mrs. Mary Murray celebrates the 85th anniversary of her
4 birth; and

5 WHEREAS, she is a native of Americus, Georgia, and is the daughter of the late Johnnie and
6 Mamie Patterson, and she is esteemed throughout Fort Valley, Georgia, as a talented leader
7 and an inspirational voice of the community; and

8 WHEREAS, she has given more than 30 years of service to Fort Valley State University,
9 working as director of the Student Services Center and manager of the College Bookstore
10 and Duplicating Center, and she is considered by many students, graduates, and faculty as
11 a second mother away from home; and

12 WHEREAS, throughout her life, she has never hesitated to raise her voice in praise, and she
13 is known far and wide as a gifted singer and gospel soloist; and

14 WHEREAS, she is a caring and devoted mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, and she
15 continues to amaze neighbors and loved ones with her wonderful "soul food" cooking; and

16 WHEREAS, she is a longtime member of Central Union Missionary Church, where she has
17 served as a superintendent of Sunday school for more than 20 years, a member of the
18 missionary society, and a former choir director, and was the exceptionally skilled supervisor
19 of the church's Food Bank Ministry; and

20 WHEREAS, her devotion to the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia led to
21 her selection as the Auxiliary President of the Women of Georgia, where she is absolutely
22 committed to the mission of serving others and honoring God's love for all of humanity.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 this body hereby recognizes the inspirational life of Mrs. Mary Murray and extends the most
3 sincere congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of her 85th birthday.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Mary Murray.