

House Resolution 1444

By: Representative Pruett of the 144th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Bertie Mae Garrett; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Bertie Mae Garrett turned 90 years old on May 27, 2007; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Bertie Mae Garrett was recognized by Middle Georgia College as an Associate
4 Professor Emerita of Business Education in 2002-2004, having retired from teaching in 1983;
5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees from
7 Georgia College and her Doctor of Education degree from the University of Georgia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Bertie Mae was married to the late Ralph Garrett and has lived in Dodge
9 County most of her life, providing service as a Pink Lady, an ombudsman, and with the Pilot
10 Club, as well as numerous other organizations; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she has influenced the lives of many Dodge County residents as a teacher at Old
12 Dodge High School, imparting wisdom and positive values to all of the many students who
13 were in her classes and who benefited from her teaching; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Bertie Mae is active in Zebulon Baptist Church and has demonstrated her
15 passion for mission work as a generous supporter of missions throughout the Southern
16 Baptist Convention in which there are numerous scholarships founded in her name at various
17 schools; and
- 18 WHEREAS, she has received many honors for her volunteer services and for serving in the
19 Peace Corps for a number of years and she has also enjoyed traveling throughout the world;
20 and

1 WHEREAS, Bertie Mae just had her second book, *Gathering Jewels*, published, and it
2 follows *Chug Chug Lady from Georgia*, chronicling her adventures around the world in 990
3 days as a 48 year old Peace Corps volunteer; and

4 WHEREAS, Bertie Mae has lived her lifelong motto, "Service is the rent we pay for the
5 space we occupy"; and

6 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
7 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she has made of her life,
8 she makes this world a better place to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be
9 appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of her life.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
11 this body heartily commends Bertie Mae Garrett for her unselfish, dedicated, and loving
12 service to the members of her community and state; congratulates her on the remarkable
13 occasion of her 90th birthday; and extends to her its most sincere best wishes for continued
14 health and happiness.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
16 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bertie Mae Garrett.