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House Resolution 1473

By: Representatives Stephens of the 161<sup>st</sup>, Gordon of the 162<sup>nd</sup>, Bryant of the 160<sup>th</sup>, Williams of the 165<sup>th</sup>, Day of the 163<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Savannah Chapter #159 of the Order of the Eastern Star,
- 2 Prince Hall; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the Savannah Chapter #159 of the Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall was
- 4 established on August 12, 1912, by a small group of God-fearing women and over the past
- 5 98 years, the organization has benevolently served the community of Savannah, Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Savannah Chapter has diligently and conscientiously worked on projects to
- 7 uplift the lives of others, including feeding the homeless, providing clothes to shelters, and
- 8 donating food baskets and gift cards at the holidays; and
- 9 WHEREAS, members of the Savannah Chapter support the Ronald McDonald House, the
- 10 Greenbrier Children's Center, the March of Dimes, the May Street YMCA, the American
- 11 Cancer Society, and the Citizen's Advocacy Board through donations and fundraising; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the Savannah Chapter is committed to educating the future leaders of this state
- with its scholarship activities such as sponsorship of the Savannah Youth Chapter #116 and
- 14 athletic teams, sending children to camp, and awarding four scholarships to college or
- 15 technical school bound students in 2009; and
- 16 WHEREAS, a beacon of hope in the community, the Savannah Chapter supports Savannah
- 17 State University's screening and health efforts with the Curtis V. Cooper Sickle Cell Health
- 18 Fair and hosts Leukemia Light the Night, Relay for Life Walks, and the Black Heritage
- 19 Festival; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the talented and dedicated Worthy Matrons of the Savannah Chapter include
- 21 Sister Rebecca Stiles Taylor, Sister Edith Simmons, Sister Matilda Harris, Sister Lee Emily
- 22 Jones, and Sister Mary Hollis Jones; and

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23 WHEREAS, Worthy Matrons who have served for the Jurisdiction of Georgia include Sister

- 24 Macie Gadson Smith, Sister Ruth Elizabeth Mobley, Sister Mamie Wade Avant, Sister Julia
- 25 Brownlee, Sister Ruth Elizabeth Burke, Sister Virginia Pennington, and Sister Bessie Mae
- 26 Dunham, Sister Emily Praylo, Sister Estella Kenon, Sister Louise Taylor, Sister Mamie
- 27 Baker, Sister Helen Mosley, Sister Isabell Hudson, Sister Arizona Green, Sister Gracie
- 28 Goldwire, Sister Elizabeth Jones, Sister Margaret Sheppard, Sister Yvonne Goldwire, Sister
- 29 Thelma Denmark, Sister Barbara Oglesby, Sister Elizabeth Sullivan, Sister Mary Wiley,
- 30 Sister Betty Jackson, Sister Pamela R. Johnson, Sister Jenean K. Turner, and Sister Brenda
- 31 S. Pough; and
- 32 WHEREAS, this exemplary civic organization and all of its outstanding members have given
- 33 generously of their time and assets, thereby accomplishing great missions, contributing
- 34 tremendously to the quality of life in their community, and bringing honor and credit to the
- 35 Order of the Eastern Star and the State of Georgia.
- 36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 37 the members of this body recognize and commend the Savannah Chapter #159 of the Order
- 38 of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall for its many contributions to the Savannah community.
- 39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Savannah Chapter #159
- 41 of the Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall.