

House Resolution 1501

By: Representative Parrish of the 156<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Tina Lawson Welch; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Mrs. Tina Lawson Welch on February 14, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Welch was born in Emanuel County, Georgia, a beloved daughter of the  
5 late A.W. and Rosa Screws Lawson; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Welch diligently and conscientiously devoted her time, talents, and energy  
7 for 27 years to the United States Department of Agriculture before her retirement in 1984;  
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, she was an active member of the Emanuel County 4-H Club, assisting in the  
10 establishment of the Sue Stanford 4-H Kitchen and helping get the 4-H Club House moved,  
11 renovated, and named the Varner 4-H Center; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Welch was passionate about agriculture as a member of the Emanuel  
13 County Farm Bureau and the Swainsboro Farm Bureau and was the first woman to be named  
14 Farm Bureau Woman of the Year in 2000; and
- 15 WHEREAS, a respected community leader, Mrs. Welch was a charter member of the  
16 Emanuel County Pilot Club, was chairperson for the Emanuel County Cancer Society for  
17 Sardis Primitive Baptist Church, held leadership positions with the Emanuel County  
18 Volunteer Leaders, and was a member of the Emanuel County Chapter of the National  
19 Association of Retired Federal Employees and the Emanuel County Historic Preservation  
20 Society; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Welch was united in love and marriage to the late W. A. "Bill" Welch and  
22 was blessed with four wonderful children, Bonnie, Laura, John, and Harry, ten grandchildren,  
23 and 11 great-grandchildren; and

24 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
25 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
26 her family and friends was admired by others; and

27 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
28 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,  
29 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mrs. Welch will long be remembered  
31 for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend  
32 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Tina Lawson Welch  
35 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Tina  
38 Lawson Welch.