

## House Resolution 1817

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26<sup>th</sup>, Mills of the 25<sup>th</sup>, Collins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, and Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Loretta F. Rhodes; 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. Loretta F. Rhodes on February 14, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rhodes was born on July 17, 1954, in Rock Hill, South Carolina, a  
5 beloved daughter of Harrison Fitzgerald and Bertie Mae Cheek Fitzgerald; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in her memory, the Georgia Elks Association posthumously awarded Mrs.  
7 Rhodes their Woman of the Year Mary Gibbs Award for 2009 for her dedicated community  
8 service on the local and state level; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rhodes was united in love and marriage to Vance Rhodes, and was  
10 blessed with the love of her remarkable children, Brian and Amy Holbrook and Amanda  
11 Rhodes, and two wonderful grandchildren, Emily and Hunter; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
13 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
14 her family and friends was admired by others; and
- 15 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
16 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,  
17 she made this world a better place in which to live; and
- 18 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mrs. Rhodes will long be remembered  
19 for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal wife, mother, grandmother, and friend  
20 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Loretta F. Rhodes  
23 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Loretta  
26 F. Rhodes.