

House Resolution 1878

By: Representative Harden of the 147th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Mildred Garrett Pendergrass for outstanding
2 achievement during her 95 years as a resident of Atlanta, Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mildred Garrett Pendergrass was born in Atlanta on December 12, 1914,
4 the daughter of a City of Atlanta employee; and

5 WHEREAS, at the age of two, Mrs. Pendergrass was sent to live with relatives while her
6 mother was dying from tuberculosis and returned home when her father was remarried; and

7 WHEREAS, at the age of seven, she was taken from her home and placed in a tuberculosis
8 facility, Battlehill Sanatorium, for one year because of her mother's death from tuberculosis;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, a class of 1933 graduate of Commercial High School, Mrs. Pendergrass entered
11 the job market during the Depression and, unable to find work, she took an unpaid position
12 with Southern Railroad in order to maintain her job skills; and

13 WHEREAS, she later obtained a job with Homeowners Loan Corporation (HOLC) and so
14 impressed the president of First Federal Savings and Loan Association when he was called
15 upon to resolve HOLC's financial difficulties that he asked her to come work for him at First
16 Federal; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pendergrass advanced rapidly within First Federal, wrote the first policy
18 and procedures manual for savings, and became one of the first women to obtain a position
19 as a vice president; and

20 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience
21 and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of customers earned
22 her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pendergrass was united in love and marriage to the late Webb Pendergrass
24 for 60 wonderful years; and

25 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
26 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
28 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend Mrs. Mildred Garrett Pendergrass on 95 years of
31 outstanding service to the State of Georgia and recognize her for overcoming adversity from
32 a very early age and exhibiting a pioneer spirit, work ethic, and determination throughout her
33 life.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Mildred Garrett
36 Pendergrass.