

House Resolution 1940

By: Representative Anderson of the 117<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mrs. Mattie Sue Edwards Whiddon and inviting her to be recognized by the  
2 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mattie Sue Edwards Whiddon has long been recognized by the citizens  
4 of this state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal  
5 commitment to the welfare of Georgia's youth; and

6 WHEREAS, a native of Forsyth, Georgia, Mrs. Whiddon attended Bessie Tift College and  
7 Georgia State College for Women; and

8 WHEREAS, she began a distinguished career in education at the age of 17 in Monroe,  
9 Georgia, and went on to challenge and inspire students in classrooms in Yatesville, Orchard  
10 Hill, Sandersville, Harlem, and Augusta before her retirement in 1975; and

11 WHEREAS, for many years after her retirement, Mrs. Whiddon taught an evening GED  
12 course and served as a test proctor for Fort Gordon's Department of Education and served as  
13 treasurer for the Georgia Social Studies Organization; and

14 WHEREAS, she was recognized with numerous honors and accolades throughout her career  
15 as an educator, including being named Teacher of the Year several times; and

16 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Whiddon is a longtime member of  
17 Harlem Baptist Church, where she served as chairwoman of the original building fund  
18 committee, has served as a Sunday school teacher since 1937, and has been recognized with  
19 the naming of the family life center in her honor; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Whiddon was a charter member and past president of the Harlem Woman's  
21 Club and has served as president of the Pioneer Garden Club and director of the Columbia  
22 County Red Cross; and

23 WHEREAS, she serves as secretary of the Harlem Memorial Cemetery Board and is an  
24 active charter member of the Harlem Bridge Club, which meets twice a month; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of  
26 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body commend Mrs. Mattie Sue Edwards Whiddon for her sacrifice,  
29 foresight, accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of education in Georgia; recognize  
30 the positive influence she has had upon the lives and futures of countless young people in this  
31 state; and invite her to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to  
32 be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Mattie Sue Edwards  
35 Whiddon.