

House Resolution 1984

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Daisy Elizabeth Blanchard Watson; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Mrs. Daisy Elizabeth Blanchard Watson on November 7, 2008; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Watson was born in Appling, Georgia, and was an dedicated educator,
6 talented musician, and Southern lady; and

7 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Miss Daisy," Mrs. Watson attended Women's College
8 of Georgia and worked as an educator in Stellaville; and

9 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Watson was a member of First United
10 Methodist Church of Gainesville; and

11 WHEREAS, she could coax beautiful sounds from a piano without reading the musical notes
12 and for many years, well into her nineties, she played piano for weekly meetings of the
13 Kiwanis Club of Gainesville, the Sunshine Class of her church, and many local nursing
14 homes; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Watson was a lifelong athlete, playing on a championship basketball team
16 in high school, enjoying tennis, and staying active well into her nineties, taking daily mile
17 walks when she was 94; and

18 WHEREAS, a member of the Gainesville Garden Club and a Study Club, Mrs. Watson
19 served as a Girl Scout leader and was named a Gracious Lady of Georgia and was honored
20 with a Distinguished Citizen Award by the City of Gainesville; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Watson was united in love and marriage for 59 wonderful years to the late
22 Alva Drane Watson, Jr., and was blessed with three children, Elizabeth, Alva III, and Da
23 Anne; seven grandchildren, James, Elizabeth, Alva IV, Jane, George, Claudia, and Thomas;
24 and five great-grandchildren, Virginia, James William, James Michael, Luke, and Victoria;
25 and

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

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

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

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Daisy
37 Elizabeth Blanchard Watson.