

## House Resolution 88

By: Representative Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Darnella Shell Jones; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the passing of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Mrs. Darnella Shell Jones on July 19, 2008; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones was born on December 21, 1927, in Atlanta, Georgia, to Johnson  
5 and Lemmie Shell; and
- 6 WHEREAS, this great Georgian graduated from Washington High School in Fulton County,  
7 Georgia, in 1946; and
- 8 WHERAS, this devout woman was an active member of Antioch Baptist Church North,  
9 participating in the Matron's Ministry, the Terry West Bible School Class, the D.T. George  
10 Gospel Choir, the Antioch Adult Choir, the Choir #1, and the Culinary Ministry; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones was united in love and marriage for 55 years to the late Reverend  
12 Joseph Jones, Sr., and the couple was blessed with seven faithful and loving children:  
13 Reverend Sandra Jewell Williams, Joseph Jones, Jr., Johnny Lee Jones, Larry R. Jones,  
14 Kenneth Earl Jones, Michael Jerome Jones, and Sheila Diane Jones; and
- 15 WHEREAS, during her life, Mrs. Jones dedicated over 35 years to the Atlanta Public School  
16 System and was a proud member of the American Federation of State, County, and  
17 Municipal Employees Union; and
- 18 WHEREAS, a woman who gave selflessly of her time to others, Mrs. Jones was awarded the  
19 Citizen Volunteer Award from Fulton County in 1999 for her volunteer work with the Harriet  
20 G. Darnell Senior Multi-purpose center, her service as a Poll Manager for Fulton County  
21 elections, and her work with the Fulton County Democratic Party Executive Committee and  
22 the State Committee of the Democratic Party of Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, she leaves behind many who will cherish her memory and the wonderful times  
24 shared, including her seven children, 19 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and  
25 many other relatives and loyal friends; and

26 WHEREAS, all who were privileged to know this distinguished Georgian join her family in  
27 mourning her loss.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 this body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Darnella Shell Jones and  
30 expressing its appreciation of her many contributions to her community and the State of  
31 Georgia.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Jones's family.