

House Resolution 697

By: Representative Cheokas of the 134<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Alice Walker Coffin Gill; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most distinguished citizens with  
3 the passing of Mrs. Alice Walker Coffin Gill on May 21, 2008; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gill was born in Cochran, Georgia, on November 22, 1918, and was the  
5 beloved daughter of John Augustus and Alice Taylor Walker; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gill was a graduate of Georgia State College for Women in Milledgeville  
7 and served as a dedicated educator at Richland Elementary School, Schley County  
8 Elementary School, and Southland Academy; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1939, Mrs. Gill married Charles Austin Coffin, a cotton broker, merchant,  
10 and city councilman in Richland, Georgia, and the two were blessed with two children,  
11 Charles and Alice; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Coffin passed away unexpectedly during his second term as a state senator  
13 for the 12th district of Georgia and Mrs. Gill was elected to fill her husband's unexpired term,  
14 making her the second female senator to serve in the Georgia Legislature; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in 1953, she married Paul Leon Gill, a banker, pharmacist, and the former  
16 mayor of Ellaville, Georgia, and they had two children together, Paula and John; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Gill was elected to serve as the state senator for the 13th district of Georgia  
18 and Mrs. Gill accompanied him to Atlanta during the legislative session, keeping active in  
19 the political activity of the state; and

20 WHEREAS, a devoted woman of faith, Mrs. Gill was a member of the Ellaville Methodist  
21 Church, where she taught Sunday school and was actively involved in community affairs and  
22 service; and

23 WHEREAS, she leaves behind many who will cherish her memory and the wonderful times  
24 shared, including her four children and their families, nine grandchildren, nine  
25 great-grandchildren, a niece and nephew; and

26 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gill was a woman of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable  
27 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made  
28 of her life, she made this world a better place in which to live; and all who were privileged  
29 to know this distinguished Georgian join her family in mourning her loss.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 this body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Alice Walker Coffin Gill and  
32 expressing its appreciation of her many contributions to her community and the State of  
33 Georgia.

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. Gill's family.