

House Resolution 1006

By: Representative Hatfield of the 177<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Margaret "Betty" Elizabeth Duncan; 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. Margaret "Betty" Elizabeth Duncan on September 9, 2008; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Duncan was born on May 3, 1923, the beloved daughter of the late  
6 William James and Margaret Bates Summerall; and

7 WHEREAS, a 1940 graduate of Waycross High School, Mrs. Duncan earned a bachelor's  
8 degree in Spanish from Shorter College and participated in additional studies through the  
9 Middlebury Spanish School, Duke University, and the University of Maryland; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Duncan served as an interpreter for the Coordinator of Inter-American  
11 Affairs, assisting with military clearance for doctors, lawyers, and agronomists from Latin  
12 America, and she went on to serve as secretary to a colonel with the Department of State; and

13 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Duncan was a member of the First  
14 Baptist Church of Waycross and the Ruth Sunday School Class for many years; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Duncan was united in love and marriage to the late Donald Douglas  
16 Duncan; and

17 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
18 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
19 her family and friends were admired by others; and

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

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Duncan will long be remembered for her love of family and friendship,  
24 and this loyal aunt, neighbor, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of  
25 knowing her.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Margaret "Betty"  
28 Elizabeth Duncan and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Margaret  
31 "Betty" Elizabeth Duncan.