

House Resolution 1020

By: Representative Hatfield of the 177th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Elizabeth Jane McLeod Walker O'Connor; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 and community servants with the passing of Mrs. Elizabeth Jane McLeod Walker O'Connor
5 on October 24, 2008; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. O'Connor was a native of Georgia and a resident of Waycross for 35 years;
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8 WHEREAS, her education included a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education from
9 Georgia State University in 1970 and a master in elementary education from Valdosta State
10 University in 1989; and

11 WHEREAS, this dedicated teacher, who devoted 26 years of service to Ware County School
12 System, served as a Rhodes Scholar and was a recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship in India;
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14 WHEREAS, she faithfully served the citizens of her community as civic leader in numerous
15 leadership rolls, including lead teacher at Wacona Elementary School, Cub Scout Den
16 Leader, President of Waycross Association of Educators, Chairman of Education Committee
17 for Waycross Junior Women's Club, and 1976 Teacher of the Year at Alice Street
18 Elementary School; and

19 WHEREAS, she is the daughter of the late B. D. McLeod and Jeralda Adair McLeod and
20 was preceded in death by her sister, Evelyn McLeod; and

21 WHEREAS, survivors include her husband, Dennis Gerald O'Connor of Waycross; one
22 daughter, Laura Walker Morrison, and son-in-law Jeffrey of Brunswick; one son, Robert

23 Allen Walker, Jr. of Waycross; two grandchildren, Ansley and Walker Morrison; three
24 sisters, Virginia Perteet, and her husband, Charles, of Tiger; Joyce McCall and her husband,
25 J.D., of Lavonia; and Sue Tyler and her husband, Jess, of Stone Mountain; two brothers,
26 Wayne McLeod of Buford, and Johnnie McLeod and his wife, Glenda, of Stone Mountain;
27 and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body hereby join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Jane
30 McLeod Walker O'Connor and in expressing their appreciation for her special and unique
31 gift of bringing people together and for recognizing the positive contributions of all mankind.

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. O'Connor's family.