

## House Resolution 1062

By: Representative Williams of the 165<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and celebrating the 100th birthday of Mrs. Cherrie Gaines Watkins Murrell; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cherrie Gaines Watkins Murrell was born on April 12, 1909, in Garfield,  
4 Georgia, the beloved daughter of the late Freeman and Rachel Pierce Gaines; and

5 WHEREAS, she had a lovely childhood on her family's farm, learning the importance of a  
6 good work ethic in her daily chores and enjoying the farm's many fruit trees, farm animals,  
7 grapes, blueberries, and assorted vegetables; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Murrell married Spurgeon Watkins, and their loving union blessed her  
9 with a remarkable son, Althen Clemon; and

10 WHEREAS, she moved to Hinesville, Georgia, in the early 1940's, where the family bought  
11 three acres of land off Folker Road, where she continues to live today; and

12 WHEREAS, over the years, Mrs. Murrell worked in homes of families, providing them with  
13 outstanding service cooking and caring for the children; and

14 WHEREAS, she retired from her position with the laundry service department at Ft. Stewart,  
15 where she diligently and conscientiously devoted her time and made countless friends with  
16 her warm smile and generous nature; and

17 WHEREAS, after Mr. Watkins's passing, Mrs. Murrell was united in love and marriage to  
18 the late Deacon Douse Murrell, and they enjoyed many years working together on their farm  
19 in Gum Branch; and

20 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Murrell was a member of Mt. Zion  
21 A.M.E. Church of Garfield as a child and joined Bethel A.M.E. Church upon her move to

22 Hinesville, faithfully serving on the Stewardess Board, the Worker Bees, the Missionary  
23 Society, and the choir; and

24 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high  
25 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens, and she possesses the vast wisdom  
26 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved  
27 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

28 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
29 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she has made of her life,  
30 she makes this world a better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she  
31 be appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of her life.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body join in commending Mrs. Cherrie Gaines Watkins Murrell on the  
34 occasion of her 100th birthday and wishing her many more years of happiness.

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 Mrs. Cherrie Gaines  
37 Watkins Murrell.