

House Resolution 1180

By: Representative Jones of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Narvie Jordan Harris; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Mrs. Narvie Jordan Harris on October 30, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Harris was born in Wrightsville, Georgia, a beloved daughter of the late
5 James E. and Anna Hobbs Jordan; and
- 6 WHEREAS, educated in the Atlanta Public School System, Mrs. Harris earned a bachelor's
7 degree from Clark College and a master's degree from Atlanta University; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she began her career in 1944 with the DeKalb County School System and
9 diligently and conscientiously devoted her time, talents, and energy to the field of education
10 in DeKalb County for four decades until her retirement in 1983; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she uplifted and inspired the future leaders of this state and was responsible for
12 obtaining the first school bus for African American students in DeKalb County in 1948; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Harris served as an associate superintendent for DeKalb County Schools
14 after her retirement and in 1999 a school was erected and named in her honor as the Narvie
15 J. Harris Theme School; and
- 16 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Harris was an active member of Wheat
17 Street Baptist Church, where she sang in the senior choir; served as historian, on the trustee
18 board, on the pastoral search committee, and on the Mother's Board; and chaired the first
19 Constitution and By-Laws committee, Women's Day, the volunteers committee for the
20 United Sisterhood, and the committee for the 1996 Olympic games; and

21 WHEREAS, she was devoted to giving back to her community and enriching the lives of
22 others through her work for 20 years with the American Red Cross and her leadership as
23 president of the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers, the Atlanta Alumnae
24 Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the Royal Oaks Manor Community Club, the Nancy
25 Bridge Club, the Harper High School PTA, and the Georgia Retired Teachers Association;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, Mrs. Harris was united in love and marriage to the late Joseph L. Harris in
28 1945, and was blessed with the love of a daughter, Daryll, son-in-law, Michael A., and
29 grandson, Michael J.; and

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

33 WHEREAS, Mrs. Harris will long be remembered for her love of travel, family, and
34 friendship, and this loyal mother, sister, grandmother, and friend will be missed by all who
35 had the great fortune of knowing her.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Narvie Jordan Harris
38 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Daryll Harris Griffin.