

## House Resolution 60

By: Representatives Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup> and Frazier of the 123<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Ms. Lela Wright Stone; 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 Ms. Lela Wright Stone on December 23, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ms. Stone was born in Jefferson County, Georgia, and earned degrees in home  
5 economics and education from Barber-Scotia College and the University of Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, an educator and advocate, Ms. Stone taught at Boggs Academy and other Burke  
7 County schools for 24 years, serving as the county's first black visiting teacher and social  
8 worker and its first black board member; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1985, Ms. Stone helped lead a successful protest to the sale of Boggs  
10 Academy which ultimately resulted in the historic school's restoration; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Ms. Stone was a member of Augusta's  
12 Belle-Terrace Presbyterian USA Church and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Ms. Stone served on the board that restored Augusta's Lucy Craft Laney  
14 Museum of Black History; and
- 15 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
16 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
17 her family and friends were admired by others; and
- 18 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
19 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,  
20 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

21 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Ms. Stone will long be remembered for  
22 her elegance and talent as a public speaker, and this loyal educator, community activist,  
23 neighbor, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Ms. Lela Wright Stone and  
26 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ms. Lela  
29 Wright Stone.