

House Resolution 63

By: Representative Brooks of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Helen Louise Brown Sykes; 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. Helen Louise Brown Sykes on November 26, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sykes was born on May 18, 1932, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the beloved
5 daughter of Hosey and Mary Jane Brown and the eldest of eleven siblings; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Sykes was baptized at Tasker's AME
7 Zion Church in Ponchatoula, Louisiana, and later served as an active member of God at
8 Trinity East Methodist, East Macedonia Baptist, Pilgrim Rest Baptist, and Mt. Hebron
9 Baptist Churches; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sykes was united in love and marriage to Samuel Sykes on August 25,
11 1972, and was the beloved mother of Charles Edward and JoAnne Brown and step-mother
12 of Elizabeth Anne Sykes; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she was one of the first women to serve as a custodian for the Houston
14 Independent School District, was the first woman to become a school plant operator at
15 Carnegie Elementary School, and was recognized with six awards for outstanding service
16 during her over 20 year career; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sykes gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep
18 concern for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she
19 demonstrated to 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, a compassionate and generous woman, Mrs. Sykes will long be remembered
24 for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal wife, mother, grandmother, and friend
25 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of 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. Helen Louise Brown
28 Sykes 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. Helen
31 Louise Brown Sykes.