

House Resolution 171

By: Representative Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Cecilia Myrick; 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 Dr. Cecilia Myrick on August 31, 2010; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Myrick was a beloved daughter of James and Matie Myrick, graduated  
5 salutatorian from Turner High School, and earned a bachelor's degree in English, a master's  
6 degree in education, and a doctoral degree in reading instruction from Georgia State  
7 University; and

8 WHEREAS, a pioneer in culture-based teaching, Dr. Myrick was a coordinator/instructor  
9 for Literacy Action, taught English for the Opportunities Industrialization Center, served as  
10 a coordinator/instructor for Georgia State University's language research center, and taught  
11 reading in Georgia State's developmental studies program; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Myrick was a professor at Governor's State University and  
13 Bethune-Cookman University, where she created a multimedia textbook, *African Legacy*;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, as an associate professor at Fort Valley State University, Dr. Myrick helped  
16 improve student pass rates on the state regents' examination and teacher certification  
17 examinations; and

18 WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, Dr. Myrick leaves behind many who will cherish her  
19 memory, including her daughter, Celia Nicole "Meerah" Myrick; her sisters, Clarissa  
20 Myrick-Harris and Carmencita Myrick; and her brothers, James Myrick, Jr., and Jason  
21 Myrick; and

22 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
23 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
24 her family and friends were admired by others; and

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

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Dr. Myrick will long be remembered  
29 for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal daughter, mother, sister, teacher, and  
30 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Cecilia Myrick and  
33 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Cecilia  
36 Myrick.