

House Resolution 171

By: Representative Brooks of the 63rd

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.