

House Resolution 178

By: Representative Brooks of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the life of Mrs. Ruth Scott Simmons; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ruth Scott Simmons was born in Jackson, Mississippi, on October 30,
3 1916, to William A. Scott, Sr. and Emmeline Southall Scott; and

4 WHEREAS, she moved to Atlanta, Georgia, with her family when she was 11 years old; and

5 WHEREAS, her brother, W. A. Scott II, founded the *Atlanta World* newspaper on August
6 5, 1928; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Simmons graduated from Spelman College and taught school before
8 joining the staff of the *Atlanta Daily World*; and

9 WHEREAS, she once described the *Atlanta Daily World* as a source to inform and educate
10 African Americans on the history of constructive things about them and projects that they
11 were undertaking to better their condition; and

12 WHEREAS, her husband, J. Russell Simmons, served for many years as advertising director
13 of the *Atlanta Daily World* and preceded her in death in 1998; and

14 WHEREAS, she leaves behind her son, Rusty, and numerous grandchildren,
15 great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews; and

16 WHEREAS, it is only proper that this life well-lived be celebrated as a model for those that
17 follow in her footsteps.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Ruth Scott Simmons
20 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Ruth
23 Scott Simmons.