

House Resolution 180

By: Representative Brooks of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and celebrating the life of Mrs. Ruth Evans Griffin; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost a highly cherished and respected citizen with the
3 passing of Mrs. Ruth Evans Griffin on July 26, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she was born on February 27, 1924, in Baldwin County, Georgia, the first born
5 of seven children to the late Johnny and Hattie Taylor Evans; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in 1962, she married Floyd L. Griffin, Sr., a union that lasted sixty-two years
7 and was blessed with three children, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Griffin was always motivated to do and be her best, completing course
9 work early in her marriage at Rita Maynard's School of Beauty and Culture, receiving a
10 diploma in cosmetology, and operating her own beauty salon for over twenty years, followed
11 by another successful business venture, Griffin's Dry Cleaners and Laundry, in 1965; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in 1973, she joined the ranks of licensed funeral directors and became the owner
13 and CEO of Slater's Funeral Home, Inc., where her knowledge of sound business practices,
14 her cosmetology skills, and her hard work, compassion, perseverance, and dedication helped
15 her and her husband take a struggling business and turn it into the success it is today, and in
16 1996, she was selected as Funeral Director of the Year by the Sixth District Funeral Services
17 Practitioners Association; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Griffin was a member of Union Baptist Church where she served in many
19 capacities including membership in the Senior Choir, the Sunday School, the Missionary
20 Society, and the Deaconess Board, organized and was first president of the Gospel Choir, and
21 was honored with the name "Mother of the Church"; and

22 WHEREAS, her community involvement included the NAACP, the American Legion
23 Women's Auxiliary, Post 523, and the Queen Esther Lodge of the Order of Eastern Star; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Griffin enjoyed traveling, cooking, gardening, and visiting with her family
25 and friends; and

26 WHEREAS, the passing of this beloved woman will leave an unfillable void in the hearts and
27 lives of her family, friends, and community.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Ruth Evans Griffin
30 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Ruth
33 Evans Griffin.