

House Resolution 281

By: Representative Fludd of the 66<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Phyllis Stephens; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Phyllis Stephens is a talented and respected quilt-maker who uses her art  
3 as a reflection of herself and an expression of rich African American cultural heritage; and

4 WHEREAS, a native of Georgia, Ms. Stephens's tapestries and story quilts have been shown  
5 in galleries throughout the United States and are widely collected; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2010, she published her first fine art limited-edition portfolio and storybook  
7 entitled *For Crying Out Loud*; and

8 WHEREAS, her work in the portfolio was inspired by an article in *Essence* magazine which  
9 depicted the brutal and horrific treatment of 33 girls wrongfully arrested and imprisoned in  
10 an abandoned Civil War stockade in Americus, Georgia, during the Civil Rights Movement;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, her visual documentation of the children of the Civil Rights Movement includes  
13 eight limited edition Gicle prints and a quilt story book with a foreword written by famed  
14 diplomat Andrew Young; and

15 WHEREAS, the 90 editions of Ms. Stephens's work are encased in a cloth-embossed box and  
16 include nine artist proofs and nine embellished remarques; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Stephens has an uncanny ability to select the right colors and fabrics for  
18 her quilts and breathe life into each one of her creations; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Stephens utilizes fabrics and textiles from across the globe and is especially  
20 attracted to those from Africa made of indigenous materials that are spun, woven, and dyed  
21 by hand; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of  
23 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body commend Ms. Phyllis Stephens on her powerful depiction of  
26 children of the Civil Rights Movement.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Phyllis Stephens.