

## House Resolution 479

By: Representatives Jones of the 46<sup>th</sup>, Sheldon of the 105<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, McCall of the 30<sup>th</sup>, Oliver of the 83<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia Women of Achievement and 2011 honoree Mary  
2 Francis Hill Coley; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia Women of Achievement was established to publicize achievements of  
4 Georgia women through an annual induction ceremony, a traveling exhibit, a website, and  
5 a teacher resource guide; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia Women of Achievement provides information about role models to  
7 inspire Georgia youth and advocates the inclusion of women's achievements in educational  
8 materials; and

9 WHEREAS, each year, Georgia Women of Achievement honor three women who lived a  
10 life that inspired others to make use of their talents and who made exceptional contributions  
11 to society; and

12 WHEREAS, the three honorees for 2011 were Lillian Gordy Carter, Mary Francis Hill  
13 Coley, and May duBignon Stiles Howard; and

14 WHEREAS, Mary Francis Hill Coley was born in a Georgia where women were often  
15 treated as less than equal citizens and where struggles were compounded for poor and black  
16 women; and

17 WHEREAS, with little formal schooling, Mary Francis Hill Coley became an accomplished  
18 and recognized midwife and an advocate for health care who saw no racial barriers and was  
19 documented in the award-winning film, *All My Babies*, in 1952; and

20 WHEREAS, the citizens of Georgia owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Georgia Women  
21 of Achievement and 2011 honoree Mary Francis Hill Coley for their many contributions to

22 their communities and this state and the positive role models they represent for women of all  
23 ages.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body commend Georgia Women of Achievement for promoting the great  
26 efforts of women to improve the quality of life for all Americans and extend congratulations  
27 to the family of 2011 honoree Mary Francis Hill Coley.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Georgia Women of  
30 Achievement and the family of Mary Francis Hill Coley.