

House Resolution 1147

By: Representative Epps of the 128th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Ophelia Swanson; 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 Ophelia Swanson on January 8, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ophelia Swanson was born on February 20, 1907, a beloved daughter of
5 Reverend Duncan and Sarah Ann Tucker-Gates, the seventh of 15 children; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Ophelia was an active member of Neriah
7 Baptist Church, where she served as secretary; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Ophelia Swanson was united in love and marriage to the late Joseph Swanson
9 for 59 wonderful years, was the proud mother of John Albert Swanson, and was blessed with
10 four grandchildren, Joan Johnson, Michele Simpson, Cheryl Rawls, and Kelvin Swanson,
11 five adored great-grandchildren, and four amazing great-great-grandchildren; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she was educated in the Meriwether County School System, where she later
13 worked as a teacher's assistant; and
- 14 WHEREAS, she was treasurer for the U.B.A. Lodge, affiliated with Easter Star, and was an
15 active member of senior activities in the City of Greenville; and
- 16 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Ophelia Swanson will long be
17 remembered for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal wife, daughter, mother,
18 grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, and friend will be missed by all
19 who had the great fortune of knowing her.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Ophelia Swanson and
22 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ophelia
25 Swanson.