

## House Resolution 1215

By: Representative Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mattie Harper Briscoe; 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 Mattie Harper Briscoe on November 6, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mattie was born on December 16, 1912 in south Atlanta, a beloved daughter  
5 of Bert and Rosa Harper; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mattie was an active member of United  
7 Methodist Women; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mattie was united in love and marriage to Lieutenant Marc Briscoe and was  
9 blessed with two remarkable daughters, Marcia and Julie; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she graduated from Clark College in 1935 and was hired immediately to teach  
11 home economics and later algebra at her high school alma mater, Booker T. Washington and  
12 went on to receive her master's degree in education from Atlanta University; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she traveled with her family to Japan and Germany when her husband, a  
14 military officer, was transferred and taught in those places; and
- 15 WHEREAS, she retired after 35 years of touching and shaping the lives of thousands of  
16 students; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a dedicated volunteer, Mattie was a member of Joyman Wives, Quettes,  
18 YWCA, TBONS Neighborhood Association, Fulton County Council on Aging, Retired  
19 Teachers Association, the WEEDS Social Club, and served as a troop leader of Girl Scouts  
20 of America; and

21 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her ideals, morals, and deep concern for  
22 her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to her  
23 family and friends were admired by others; and

24 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
25 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,  
26 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mattie Harper Briscoe will long be  
28 remembered for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal daughter, wife, mother,  
29 grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune  
30 of knowing her.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mattie Harper Briscoe and  
33 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mattie Harper  
36 Briscoe.