

House Resolution 1235

By: Representatives Burns of the 157th and Benton of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and celebrating the 100th birthday of Mary Hudmon Simmons; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mary Hudmon Simmons was born on April 15, 1912, in Opelika, Alabama, the
4 beloved daughter of William Earle and Katie Belle Hopson Hudmon and the admired sister
5 to her identical twin, Anne, and younger sister, Katherine; and

6 WHEREAS, she graduated cum laude from Agnes Scott College with a bachelor's degree in
7 chemistry in 1933, and then taught mathematics at a private school in College Park, Georgia,
8 from 1933 to 1934 and at Druid Hills High School in Atlanta from 1934 to 1941 where she
9 was selected Teacher of the Year; and

10 WHEREAS, she married William Grant Simmons in 1940 and their union blessed them with
11 remarkable twin girls, Susan Hudmon and Nancy Hudmon; four wonderful grandchildren,
12 Meredith Hudmon Ragains, Stephen Harris Ragains, Susan Lester Ledbetter, and Mary
13 Elizabeth Lester; and six adored great-grandchildren, Olivia Hopson Ledbetter, Madeline
14 Susan Corvera, William Maxwell Ledbetter, Luke Hudmon Ragains, Charles Joseph
15 Corvera, and John Harold Ragains; and

16 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, she is an active member at the First Baptist
17 Church of Sylvania and secretary at Philathea Sunday School Class; and

18 WHEREAS, she has always been a leader in her community where she has served as
19 President of the Sylvania Women's Club and Regent of the Brier Creek Chapter of the
20 Daughters of the American Revolution where she has been a member for 62 years; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Simmons holds memberships at the Adams Brinson I Chapter of the
22 National Society of Colonial Dames XVII Century, the Wednesday Birthday Club, the

23 Friends of Screven County Library, and the Screven County Reading Club where she is a
24 founding member; and

25 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high
26 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens and she possesses the vast wisdom
27 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved
28 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

29 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
30 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she has made of her life,
31 she makes this world a better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she
32 be appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of her life.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body join in commending Mary Hudmon Simmons on the occasion of
35 her 100th birthday and wishing her many more years of happiness.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mary Hudmon Simmons.