

House Resolution 1236

By: Representatives Dudgeon of the 24th, Tankersley of the 158th, Ralston of the 7th, Abrams of the 84th, Hamilton of the 23rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and celebrating the 114th birthday of Dr. Leila Denmark; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Leila Denmark was born on February 1, 1898, in Bulloch County, a beloved
3 daughter to Elerbee and Alice Cornelia Hendricks Daughtry and the third of 12 children; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to the late John Eustace Denmark and was
5 blessed with one remarkable daughter, Mary Alice Denmark Hutcherson, two wonderful
6 grandsons, John Stevenson Hutcherson and James Daughtry Hutcherson, and two adored
7 great-grandchildren, Jacob Amaziah Hutcherson and Hayden Kathryn Hutcherson; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Dr. Denmark was the third woman to graduate from the Medical College of
9 Georgia in 1928, and she worked as a pediatrician until her retirement in 2001; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she is the author of *Every Child Should Have a Chance*, published in 1971 and
11 currently in its 12th printing; and
- 12 WHEREAS, over the years she has been honored with awards, including the Fisher Award
13 in 1935 for outstanding research into the diagnosis, treatment, and immunization of
14 whooping cough, and was selected as Atlanta's Woman of the Year in 1953; and
- 15 WHEREAS, a woman with a strong sense of family allegiance and an unyielding desire to
16 help those in need, Dr. Denmark personifies dedication, intelligence, and a strong work ethic
17 and serves as an example to all; and
- 18 WHEREAS, she has given inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep
19 concern for her fellow citizens and she possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through
20 experience and the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many
21 challenges of life; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize Dr. Leila Denmark for her outstanding service to her
28 patients and the State of Georgia, commend her on the occasion of her 114th birthday, and
29 wish her many more years of happiness.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Leila Denmark.