

House Resolution 1601

By: Representatives Dunahoo of the 25th, Collins of the 27th, Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Rogers of the 26th, Williams of the 89th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia Women of Achievement and 2012 honoree Ms.
2 Beulah Rucker Oliver; 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 honors three women who lived
10 lives that inspired others to make use of their talents and who made exceptional contributions
11 to society; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Beulah Rucker Oliver set an example for all women with her determination
13 to make the world a better place; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Rucker worked towards her degree at Savannah State College while
15 teaching public and private school, giving music lessons, and making and selling hats until
16 she finally received her degree in 1944 at age 56; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Rucker opened The Industrial School, her first school in Hall County; and

18 WHEREAS, after having two schools in the city, she moved her facility to the country where
19 she proved to be an excellent fundraiser and educator for the African American community,
20 and eventually merged her school with the City of Gainesville School District in the 1950s;
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22 WHEREAS, she was the first to receive a Rosenwald Grant for her school, the first woman
23 to establish a school in Gainesville, and the first to start a Veterans Night School in the state;
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25 WHEREAS, her daughters, Carre N. Bailey and Dorothy B. Rucker, along with former
26 student Laura M. Whelchel, founded and dedicated The Educational Foundation and
27 Museum Beulah Rucker, Inc., in honor of her life and great work; and

28 WHEREAS, the citizens of Georgia owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Georgia Women
29 of Achievement and to 2012 honoree Ms. Beulah Rucker Oliver for her many contributions
30 to her community and this state and the positive role model she represents for women of all
31 ages.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend Georgia Women of Achievement for promoting the great
34 efforts of women to improve the quality of life for all Americans and extend congratulations
35 to the family of 2012 honoree Ms. Beulah Rucker Oliver.

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 the family of Ms. Beulah
38 Rucker Oliver.