

House Resolution 1607

By: Representatives Stephens of the 161st, Gordon of the 162nd, Waites of the 60th, Bell of the 58th, Purcell of the 159th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Savannah Chapter #159 of the Order of the Eastern Star,
2 Prince Hall on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Savannah Chapter #159 of the Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall was
4 established on August 12, 1912, by a small group of God-fearing women and over the past
5 100 years, the organization has benevolently served the community of Savannah, Georgia;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the Savannah Chapter has diligently and conscientiously worked on projects to
8 uplift the lives of others, including feeding the homeless, providing clothes to shelters, and
9 donating food baskets and gift cards at the holidays; and

10 WHEREAS, members of the Savannah Chapter support the Ronald McDonald House, the
11 Greenbrier Children's Center, the March of Dimes, the May Street YMCA, the American
12 Cancer Society, and the Citizen's Advocacy Board through donations and fundraising; and

13 WHEREAS, the Savannah Chapter is committed to educating the future leaders of this state
14 with its scholarship activities such as sponsorship of the Savannah Youth Chapter #116 and
15 athletic teams, sending children to camp, and awarding four scholarships to college or
16 technical school bound students in 2009; and

17 WHEREAS, a beacon of hope in the community, the Savannah Chapter supports Savannah
18 State University's screening and health efforts with the Curtis V. Cooper Sickle Cell Health
19 Fair and hosts Leukemia Light the Night, Relay for Life Walks, and the Black Heritage
20 Festival; and

21 WHEREAS, the talented and dedicated Worthy Matrons of the Savannah Chapter include
22 Sister Rebecca Stiles Taylor, Sister Edith Simmons, Sister Matilda Harris, Sister Lee Emily
23 Jones, and Sister Mary Hollis Jones; and

24 WHEREAS, Worthy Matrons who have served for the Jurisdiction of Georgia include Sister
25 Macie Gadson Smith, Sister Ruth Elizabeth Mobley, Sister Mamie Wade Avant, Sister Julia
26 Brownlee, Sister Ruth Elizabeth Burke, Sister Virginia Pennington, and Sister Bessie Mae
27 Dunham, Sister Emily Praylo, Sister Estella Kenon, Sister Louise Taylor, Sister Mamie
28 Baker, Sister Helen Mosley, Sister Isabell Hudson, Sister Arizona Green, Sister Gracie
29 Goldwire, Sister Elizabeth Jones, Sister Margaret Sheppard, Sister Yvonne Goldwire, Sister
30 Thelma Denmark, Sister Barbara Oglesby, Sister Elizabeth Sullivan, Sister Mary Wiley,
31 Sister Betty Jackson, Sister Pamela R. Johnson, Sister Jenean K. Turner, and Sister Brenda
32 S. Pough; and

33 WHEREAS, this exemplary civic organization and all of its outstanding members have given
34 generously of their time and assets, thereby accomplishing great missions, contributing
35 tremendously to the quality of life in their community, and bringing honor and credit to the
36 Order of the Eastern Star and the State of Georgia.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body recognize and commend the Savannah Chapter #159 of the Order
39 of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall for its many contributions to the Savannah community and
40 on the occasion of their 100th anniversary.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Savannah Chapter #159
43 of the Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall.