

House Resolution 2157

By: Representative Hatfield of the 177th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Mary Lenas Rivers; 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 Mrs. Mary Lenas Rivers on August 4, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rivers was born in Jacksonville, Florida, a beloved daughter of the late
5 Thomas Peter and Katherine Smitzes Lenas, but lived most of her life in Waycross, Georgia;
6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Rivers was an active member of
8 Trinity United Methodist Church; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rivers was united in love and marriage to James Spurgeon Rivers, Jr., and
10 was blessed with a remarkable son, James S. Rivers III, two wonderful grandchildren, James
11 S. Rivers IV and Christina M. Rivers, and an adored great-grandson, Landon J. Walker; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
13 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
14 her family and friends were admired by others; and
- 15 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
16 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,
17 she made this world a better place in which to live; and
- 18 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mrs. Rivers will long be remembered
19 for her love of family and friendship, and this faithful daughter, wife, mother, grandmother,
20 great-grandmother, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing
21 her.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Mary Lenas Rivers
24 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Mary
27 Lenas Rivers.