

House Resolution 172

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Brooks of the 55th, Thomas of the 56th, Talton of the 147th, and Hugley of the 136th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Sherry Rochelle Hopkins; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of its most distinguished citizens with the
3 passing of Sherry Rochelle Hopkins on September 1, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Sherry Hopkins was born on December 19, 1939, a beloved daughter of
5 Esterine and William P. Williams; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Sherry Hopkins was an active member of
7 the Holy Angels Catholic Church, where she served on the governing body of the church and
8 school; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Sherry Hopkins's determination and unwavering dedication earned her the
10 prestigious position of outside plant engineer and union secretary at Indiana Bell, fighting
11 for the rights of her co-workers; and later she served as a state legislature lobbyist and
12 minority affairs advisor for Golden Rule/United Healthcare; and
- 13 WHEREAS, a woman who generously shared her time and talents towards volunteering,
14 Sherry conducted college preparation workshops and was involved in Junior Achievement
15 and Minorities in Engineering; and one of her proudest achievements was the creation of
16 B.L.I.N.G. (Business Leaders in the Next Generation), a nonprofit organization designed to
17 teach low-income children to be business owners; and
- 18 WHEREAS, this remarkable woman's educational achievements included a bachelor of
19 science degree from Martin University, and a master's degree in business from Indiana
20 Wesleyan University; and

21 WHEREAS, Sherry Hopkins was blessed with her beloved son, Jerald Connell Shaffer, and
22 will be missed by her five grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews,
23 friends, and close acquaintance Claudell Connell; and

24 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
25 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,
26 she made this world a better place in which to live.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Sherry Rochelle Hopkins
29 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

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 the family of Sherry
32 Rochelle Hopkins.