

House Resolution 980

By: Representative Carter of the 175th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Celebrating the 80th birthday of Joanne Griner; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ms. Joanne Williams Griner was born on March 10, 1933, in Plains, Georgia,
3 a beloved daughter of Mobley and Josephine Williams; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ms. Griner grew up and attended high school in Adel, Georgia, then attended
5 Florida State University, where she earned a degree in theatre; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in 1954, she married Mr. Ray Griner, devoted herself to the duties of a wife and
7 mother, and was blessed with three children, Cathy, Robert, and Becky; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Griner's work took the Griners to Connecticut, where Ms. Griner became
9 a high school substitute teacher; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 1985, Ms. Griner returned to South Georgia and settled in Valdosta, where
11 her mother was staying in a nursing home; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Ms. Griner found a job keeping books and with downtown Valdosta's First
13 Baptist Church, where she still works; and
- 14 WHEREAS, she was active in the creation of Theatre Guild Valdosta and its eventual
15 acquisition of The Dosta Playhouse downtown, and she remains involved with the guild,
16 having starred this January in "The Trip to Bountiful"; and
- 17 WHEREAS, in 2000, she proposed a festival to celebrate Valdosta and its status as the
18 Azalea City, founded the Valdosta-Lowndes County Azalea Festival, and served as its
19 director for several years; and

20 WHEREAS, she is a woman of magnanimous strengths who has diligently and
21 conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the
22 betterment of her community; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting that the remarkable accomplishments of this
24 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized and celebrated.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body congratulate Ms. Joanne Griner upon the grand occasion of her
27 80th birthday and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for continued health and
28 happiness.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Joanne Griner.