

House Resolution 1066

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Addie Joyce P. West; 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. Addie Joyce P. West on July 24, 2013, at the age of 81; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she was born March 6, 1932, to late parents James Henry and Alma Jessie
5 Wilson Penland in Ellijay, Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, upon graduating from Gilmer High School in 1949, she attended Georgia State
7 College for Women and received her B.A. from North Georgia College; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she was a career educator, teaching for over 30 years in the Gilmer County
9 School System; and
- 10 WHEREAS, through her hard work and passion to serve others, she made a significant
11 impact on students, including Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, the
12 Honorable David Ralston, a product of the Gilmer County School System; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
14 for her fellow students, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated on
15 a daily basis were admired by others; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jerry Watkins West; sisters
17 Rosa Nell P. Henson, Pearl P. Woodward, Edna P. Smith, Lucile P. Crews, and Carolyn
18 Penland; brothers William "Bill" Penland, John H. Penland, and infant brother James Henry
19 Penland; and
- 20 WHEREAS, she is survived by daughters and sons-in-law Pam and Don Callihan and Donna
21 and Loran McVey; son and daughter-in-law Mark and Cindy West; nine grandchildren; 18

22 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous other loving family members
23 and friends; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Addie Joyce P. West was a person of magnanimous strengths with an
25 unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the
26 example she made of her life, 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 Mrs. Addie Joyce P. West
29 and the deepest and most sincere regret is expressed 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 Mrs. Addie
32 Joyce P. West.