

House Resolution 1072

By: Representative Chapman of the 167th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and recognizing Theda Reddish Bowen; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, born January 20, 1924, in St. Petersburg, Florida, Theda Reddish Bowen moved
3 to the Madray Springs area of Wayne County, Georgia in 1935; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she was raised on the family farm in Wayne County and is a lifelong member
5 of Altamaha Baptist Church; and
- 6 WHEREAS, after graduating from Jesup High School in 1941, she began working for the
7 Manhattan Shirt Factory, and later would begin a career with the Brunswick Shipyard in the
8 pattern department and as a bookkeeper until the end of World War II; and
- 9 WHEREAS, during her career at the Brunswick Shipyard, 85 Liberty Ships, critical
10 components in keeping the Allied war effort supplied, were built; the Liberty Ship came to
11 symbolize the might of the United States' wartime industrial output; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Theda attended and graduated from Jones Business School in Brunswick while
13 employed at the shipyard; and
- 14 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to the late Laverne Bowen, and was blessed
15 with two remarkable children, Gary and Brenda; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she became a homemaker after marriage and enjoyed camping trips in the
17 mountains with her family; and
- 18 WHEREAS, she gives inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
19 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrates to her
20 family and friends are admired by others.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body join in honoring Theda Reddish Bowen and recognizing her for her
23 contributions to her family, the State of Georgia, and the nation.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Theda Reddish Bowen.