

House Resolution 1254

By: Representatives Cheokas of the 138th and Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Anna Moraitakis Cheokas on the grand occasion of her
2 90th birthday; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Anna Moraitakis Cheokas was born on February 6, 1924, in Cordele,
4 Georgia, the beloved daughter of Helen and Steve Moraitakis, and she was an outstanding
5 student, attending Cordele High School and Valdosta State University; and

6 WHEREAS, Anna Cheokas is a renowned artist whose fabulous paintings have been shown
7 in numerous art exhibitions, including Georgia Southwestern State University, where she
8 continually donates many of her drawings, paintings, and poems; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cheokas has had two of her watercolor prints displayed in the White
10 House, and these beautiful pictures are now hanging in the Jimmy Carter Library and
11 Museum in Atlanta, Georgia; and former First Lady Rosalynn Carter commissioned Mrs.
12 Cheokas to draw the former President's Walnut Mountain home; and

13 WHEREAS, her work has been featured on the local phone book and bank checks, but she
14 is most famous for her Christmas cards and postcards; television station Channel 2 in Atlanta
15 did a news story on Mrs. Cheokas honoring her amazing artwork; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cheokas is not only a talented artist, but also a brilliant poet, and she has
17 printed several booklets, including a series of three booklets entitled *From Under My Hat*
18 and another booklet entitled *I Still Fondly Remember*; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cheokas's support for her community is demonstrated through her
20 philanthropic work on many boards and civic groups, most notably her service as a founding
21 member of the Foundation Board of South Georgia Technical College and a member of the
22 Americus-Sumter County Historical Society; and

23 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to Arthur A. Cheokas on March 2, 1952,
24 and has been blessed with the support and kindness of her son, Representative Mike
25 Cheokas; and

26 WHEREAS, by the example Mrs. Cheokas has made of her life, she makes this world a
27 better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be appropriately
28 recognized during this very special and memorable time of her life.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body honor and congratulate Mrs. Anna Moraitakis Cheokas upon the
31 remarkable occasion of her 90th birthday and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for
32 continued health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Anna Moraitakis
35 Cheokas.