

House Resolution 1325

By: Representatives Greene of the 151st and Dukes of the 154th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Willie Beatrice Lang Miller; 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 Willie Beatrice Lang Miller on January 19, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Beatrice was born on December 25, 1943, in Morgan, Georgia, a beloved
5 daughter of Annie B. Ceasar Lang; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, she was an active member of Union Baptist
7 Church of Morgan, Georgia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Beatrice was united in love and marriage to the late Henry P. "Chief" Miller,
9 and was blessed with three remarkable daughters, Bridgett Severson, Sharolyn Miller, and
10 Sonja Miller, two step-children, Keith Taylor and Jeannie General Pope, and five wonderful
11 grandchildren; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Beatrice was elected as the first female and African American coroner in the
13 State of Georgia; she served Calhoun County for 24 years and following her retirement
14 worked as lady attendant for several funeral homes in the area and as a supervisor of the
15 Calhoun State Prison cafeteria; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
17 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
18 her family and friends were admired by others; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Beatrice was a member of the Calhoun County NAACP, the Calhoun County
20 Voters League, and the Georgia Black Elected Officials Association and was an eager
21 participant in local politics; and

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

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Beatrice will long be remembered for
26 her love of family and friendship, and this loyal woman and friend will be missed by all who
27 had the great fortune of knowing her.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Willie Beatrice Lang
30 Miller and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Willie Beatrice
33 Lang Miller.