

## House Resolution 1576

By: Representatives Roberts of the 155<sup>th</sup>, Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, and Houston of the 170<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mrs. Melba Paulk-Veazey as the Distinguished Older Georgian for 2014 and  
2 inviting her to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Paulk-Veazey served as an elected official in Irwin County; and

4 WHEREAS, born in Hazlehurst, Georgia, September 27, 1927, she was married to the late  
5 Raymond Paulk for 47 wonderful years; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Paulk-Veazey has been blessed with three children, all married, and is the  
7 grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of nine; and

8 WHEREAS, she first served as Chief Deputy Clerk of Superior Court for 32 years and, after  
9 her retirement in 1980, ran unopposed as Superior Court Clerk on three separate occasions;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Paulk-Veazey retired after 46 years of service in the Clerk of Court's  
12 office; and

13 WHEREAS, she was presented with the Senate Resolution #324 on November 22, 1997, by  
14 the Georgia State Senate, and was also awarded the Key to the City along with a plaque that  
15 said, "For your dedication to and for the City of Ocilla and Irwin County, Thanks for  
16 Everything, the Citizens of Ocilla and Irwin County"; and

17 WHEREAS, she was married a second time to the late Ralph Veazey of Tifton in 2005 for  
18 five wonderful years; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Paulk-Veazey was awarded The Georgia Gerontology Society's John Tyler  
20 Mauldin Award on September 18, 2006, in recognition of an individual who exemplifies a  
21 positive role model for outstanding achievement in gerontology; and

22 WHEREAS, she also received the Liberty Bell Award by the Tifton Judicial Circuit Bar  
23 Association on May 27, 2010; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Paulk-Veazey will be recognized in an upcoming and  
25 soon-to-be-published book written by a Valdosta State University Professor, highlighting the  
26 lives of older Georgians and including information regarding their childhood, adult lives, and  
27 their chosen professions; and

28 WHEREAS, she exemplifies the attributes of a Distinguished Older Georgian who has  
29 rendered services on a community, state or federal level, demonstrated a life work of benefit  
30 to a large number of people, made a significant contribution to society through her efforts,  
31 and is recognized as a role model for positive aging; and

32 WHEREAS, Mrs. Paulk-Veazey is a person of wisdom, strength, and compassion and it is  
33 abundantly fitting and proper that she be appropriately recognized during Senior Week 2014.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body heartily commend Mrs. Melba Paulk-Veazey for her dedicated and  
36 caring service to her community and this state, extend to her their best wishes for continued  
37 health and happiness, and invite her to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a  
38 date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of the resolution to Mrs. Melba Paulk-Veazey.