

House Resolution 1904

By: Representative Williams of the 119th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Felicite Augusta "Miss Gus" Bryan Verner; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Felicite Augusta "Miss Gus" Bryan Verner on March 14, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Verner was well-known and highly respected in Oconee County, Georgia,
6 where she spent many years in education; and

7 WHEREAS, she was born on August 5, 1920, in Smithville, Georgia, to Moses William
8 Bryan and Musa Eudora Usry Bryan and graduated from St. Petersburg Senior High School
9 in Florida and the University of Georgia with a degree in education; and

10 WHEREAS, she taught in Rome, Georgia, and Hastings, Florida, before moving to Oconee
11 County, where she served as a teacher and administrator before retiring in 1985; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Verner started and was the first teacher of the special education program
13 in Oconee County, and after retirement she served as a mentor and helped out with special
14 education while her health permitted; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Verner was selected as an "Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America"
16 for 1972 and was inducted into the Oconee County Education Hall of Fame in 2000; and

17 WHEREAS, she was the widow of Edwin Verner, was the mother of four children, Bryan,
18 Becky, Lemuel, and Ellen, and was a beloved grandmother, great-grandmother,
19 great-great-grandmother, and foster parent; and

20 WHEREAS, she was a member of Watkinsville United Methodist Church and also attended
21 Hoschton United Methodist Church, was a faithful and contributing member of the VFW
22 Ladies Auxiliary, and was a Relay for Life team member; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Verner was a familiar sight to folks in her hometown of Watkinsville
24 because she loved to walk for miles on end until she lost a leg due to cancer in her eighties;
25 she was delighted to be wheeled about town by friends; and

26 WHEREAS, Felicite Augusta "Miss Gus" Bryan Verner loved people, especially children,
27 and thrived on their individual achievements and successes; she dealt with many children
28 who were passed over by others, and all children were valuable in her eyes and dear to her
29 heart; and

30 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
31 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
32 her family, students, and friends were admired by others.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Felicite Augusta "Miss
35 Gus" Bryan Verner and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Felicite
38 Augusta "Miss Gus" Bryan Verner.