

House Resolution 348

By: Representatives Jordan of the 77th, Stephens of the 165th, Randall of the 142nd, Waites of the 60th, and Scott of the 76th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Lois Bolston; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Lois Bolston was born in Milledgeville, Georgia; and
- 3 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Lois was an active member of and church
4 clerk and historian for the Greater Little Rock Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia, for over
5 50 years; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Lois was united in love and marriage to George Evans and was blessed with
7 three remarkable children; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Lois graduated from Georgia Baptist College, where she received a degree in
9 education; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she served as a member of and mediator and moderator for the Georgia Baptist
11 Association Convention, voting in its current leader; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Lois worked against racial oppression and aggression and, against all odds,
13 provided support for those in need of food, clothing, and shelter during segregation; and
- 14 WHEREAS, she volunteered her time teaching English, reading, math, and writing to people
15 in the secular and church community, encouraging them to exercise their right to vote; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Lois diligently served as an advocate for women's rights and civil rights in the
17 face of injustice, racial discrimination, and wrongful incarceration; and
- 18 WHEREAS, she walked to the polls to vote from the age of 21 all the way through her
19 forties, then drove to the polls until the age of 78, when she cast her ballot for the twice
20 elected President Barack Obama; and

21 WHEREAS, Lois shared her hands-on skills in the textile and clothing industry for Milady
22 Cleaners as a bridal and formal wear specialist and silk and linen restoration specialist, for
23 which she received appreciation and recognition in an article appearing in *The Macon*
24 *Telegraph* for 44 years of service, complimented by international visitors from England and
25 Japan during the International Cherry Blossom Festival when she processed their traditional
26 parliamentary ceremonial robes representing their countries; and

27 WHEREAS, Lois was a lifelong member of the Masonic Order of the Eastern Stars and the
28 Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

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

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

35 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Lois Bolston will long be remembered
36 for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal woman and friend will be missed by all
37 who had the great fortune of knowing her.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Lois Bolston and express
40 their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
43 family of Lois Bolston.