

House Resolution 454

By: Representatives Greene of the 151st, Oliver of the 82nd, and Houston of the 170th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Doris Watson Joiner; 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 Doris Watson Joiner on December 21, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Doris was born on April 1, 1920, in Alamo, Georgia, a beloved daughter of
5 Daniel William Watson and Hazel Fillingame Watson, who deeply loved their community
6 as well as their daughter; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she graduated from Adair Park Elementary, Joseph Brown Junior High School,
8 Atlanta Girls High School in 1938, and Georgia State College for Women in 1942 with a
9 bachelor's degree in elementary education; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she served on the National Council of Camp Fire USA and as the President of
11 the Atlanta Council in 1966; was a member of the Talisman Garden Club, two sixty-year
12 bridge clubs, and the GSCW Alumni Club; and operated the Watson Joiner Farm in
13 Springvale, Randolph County, Georgia, which under her leadership received the 1998
14 Georgia Centennial Family Farm Award from the Department of Natural Resources who
15 gives the award to selected farms that have been owned by the same family and continuously
16 operated as family farms for at least 100 years; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Doris was an active member of Decatur
18 First Baptist Church for 62 years, where she served in the preschool ministry as the Director
19 of the Beginner Department and the Joy Dunstan Sunday School Class, and was deeply
20 committed as well to Springvale Baptist Church in Randolph County, Georgia; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Doris was united in love and marriage to Marine Staff Sergeant William Rufus
22 Joiner, Jr., and was blessed with three remarkable daughters, Suzanne, Kaye, and Dana; four

23 wonderful grandchildren, Michael, Laura, William, and Anthony; cherished step-grandson,
24 Brian; and nine delightful great-grandchildren; and

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Doris Watson Joiner will long be
26 remembered for her love of family and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
27 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 Doris Watson Joiner and
30 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 make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 family of Doris Watson Joiner.