

## House Resolution 468

By: Representatives Dawkins-Haigler of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Prince of the 127<sup>th</sup>, Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup>, and Stephenson of the 90<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Jack and Jill of America, Inc.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., is a membership organization of mothers with  
3 children ages 2-19, dedicated to nurturing future African-American leaders by strengthening  
4 children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving, and civic  
5 duty; and

6 WHEREAS, the late Marion Stubbs Thomas founded Jack and Jill of America, Inc., on  
7 January 24, 1938, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania when 20 mothers came together to discuss  
8 creating an organization to provide social, cultural, and educational opportunities for youth  
9 between the ages of two and 19 and in 1946, ten chapters were involved in the national  
10 restructuring process where a constitution and bylaws were drawn up and the organization  
11 was incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware; and

12 WHEREAS, today, this organization boasts over 230 chapters nationwide, representing over  
13 40,000 family members with each chapter planning annual programming activities guided  
14 under a national theme, and through service projects, it creates a medium of contact for  
15 children to stimulate their growth and development; and

16 WHEREAS, the Jack and Jill of America Foundation, Inc., is the philanthropic arm of Jack  
17 and Jill of America, Inc., and since its inception in 1968, the Foundation has distributed  
18 millions of dollars to communities all across America; and

19 WHEREAS, Georgia is in the Southeastern region which includes the following chapters:  
20 Albany, Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Buckhead Atlanta, Columbus, Dunwoody-Atlanta, East  
21 Suburban Atlanta, Fayette County Area, Greater Metropolitan Atlanta, Greater North Atlanta  
22 Chapter, Lake Spivey, Macon, North Suburban Atlanta, Savannah, and Stone Mountain; and

23 WHEREAS, Georgia serves as the home to the 23rd National President, Mrs. Tamara  
24 Turnley Robinson, who oversees the leadership team of the Southeastern Region, which  
25 includes Regional Director Gail Ash Dotson, Regional Treasurer Tracy Moss, Regional  
26 Secretary Gina Williams-Jackson, and Regional Member at Large Gwen Hewitt and the  
27 current National Vice President Mrs. Joli Cooper-Nelson.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body commend the outstanding work of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.,  
30 and extend their sincere best wishes for the continued success of this invaluable organization.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Jack  
33 and Jill of America, Inc.