

## House Resolution 509

By: Representatives Welch of the 110<sup>th</sup>, Rutledge of the 109<sup>th</sup>, Stephenson of the 90<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Douglas of the 78<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Helen DuBose; 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 Helen DuBose on January 23, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ms. DuBose owned Healing Acres Blueberry Farm in McDonough, Georgia,  
5 where she lived for more than 30 years; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Ms. DuBose is believed to be the first African American woman to earn a  
7 college degree in agriculture; she received her Bachelor's Degree from Florida A&M  
8 University in 1941; and according to Georgia Organics, she actually held three degrees,  
9 including two Master's Degrees in agriculture and agriculture economics; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in a 2010 interview with the *Henry Herald*, Ms. DuBose said her goal was to  
11 help other African Americans move beyond a life of sharecroppers; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Ms. DuBose received a number of awards in her lifetime, including the Barbara  
13 Petit Pollinator Award from Georgia Organics and an award from Booker T. Washington's  
14 grandson in honor of her pioneering status; and
- 15 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
16 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,  
17 she made this world a better place in which to live; and
- 18 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Helen DuBose will long be remembered  
19 for her love of family and friendship and she will be missed by all who had the great fortune  
20 of knowing her.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Helen DuBose and express  
23 their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available to the family of Helen  
26 DuBose.