

## House Resolution 1854

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, and McClain of the 100<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Emma Jean Davis; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Emma Jean Davis is the facilitator for a support group, Grandparents on the  
3 Move, Inc., which was founded by grandparents and relatives for raising a relative's child or  
4 children; and

5 WHEREAS, she grew up in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and her church made  
6 sure youth and children were educated in order to advocate for those who might not have  
7 been able to advocate for themselves; and

8 WHEREAS, her formal education began in the elementary and high schools of Newnan in  
9 Coweta County and was furthered at Morris Brown College, where she earned a bachelor's  
10 degree in education, and became involved with the Student Nonviolence Committee of  
11 Morris Brown College's campus; and

12 WHEREAS, she was also a part of the Atlanta University Committee that made a big  
13 difference in the City of Atlanta; and

14 WHEREAS, she taught kindergarten through eighth grade in the Atlanta Public Schools for  
15 more than 17 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Asa Philip Randolph, one of Ms. Davis' mentors, organized the Brotherhood  
17 of Pullman Car Porters, and he would tell her how he organized people to make changes in  
18 their lives and how he earned Executive Orders from two Presidents; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1987, she became the first and only black female director of the Committee  
20 on Political Education for the National American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial  
21 Organizations, directing programs in five southern states that included programs to involve

22 union members in political action activities, developing budgets, and working with the Black  
23 Labor Alliance; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding achievements of this  
25 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Emma Jean Davis and extend most  
28 sincere wishes for continued success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
31 Emma Jean Davis.