

## House Resolution 1882

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup>, Houston of the 170<sup>th</sup>, Coomer of the 14<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Representative Barbara Sims on the grand occasion of her  
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Representative Barbara Sims has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
4 state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment  
5 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she has diligently devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy  
7 toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced dramatically by her ten years  
8 of superlative service with the Georgia House of Representatives; and

9 WHEREAS, a native Georgian, she was elected to serve parts of Augusta and Richmond and  
10 Columbia counties in November, 2006, and was sworn in on January 8, 2007; and

11 WHEREAS, Representatives Sims served as a member of the Appropriations, Health and  
12 Human Services, Rules, Science and Technology, and Transportation Committees; was the  
13 secretary of the Economic Development and Tourism Committee and Chair of the State  
14 Properties Committee; she previously served for several years as a Majority Deputy Whip;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, she has also served as a Commissioner for Augusta/Richmond County; is an  
17 active volunteer with community organizations, including the Medical College of Georgia  
18 Foundation, Augusta Library Foundation, CSRA Alliance for Fort Gordon, and Greater  
19 Augusta Arts Board; and serves as a trustee of Augusta State University; and

20 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, she is an active member of Aldersgate  
21 United Methodist Church, where she has served as historian and on the administrative and  
22 finance boards; and

23 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage for 47 years to her late husband, Fred, and  
24 is blessed with two remarkable sons and four wonderful grandchildren; and

25 WHEREAS, Representative Sims attended Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia, and  
26 graduated from the University of Georgia with a bachelor's degree in education, where she  
27 was a member of Chi Omega Sorority; and

28 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
29 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

30 WHEREAS, Representative Barbara Sims has served with honor and distinction with the  
31 Georgia House of Representatives, and her vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely  
32 missed upon the occasion of her retirement.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body commend Representative Barbara Sims for her dedicated public  
35 service and congratulate her upon the grand occasion of her retirement.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
38 Representative Barbara Sims.