

House Resolution 617

By: Representative Buckner of the 137th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commemorating the birth of Savannah Lee Buckner; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the parents of Savannah Lee Buckner are heartily congratulated on her birth on
3 January 7, 2017, in Columbus, Georgia, weighing 6 pounds and 12 ounces and measuring 20
4 inches long; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Savannah Lee Buckner is the firstborn child of Joshua Edlow and Victoria Lee
6 Robinson Buckner; and
- 7 WHEREAS, her maternal grandmother is Deborah Lee Bassett Robinson Kamensky, who
8 is married to Mark Kamensky, and her maternal grandfather is Michael Bruce Robinson; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Savannah's paternal grandparents are Michael Harvey Buckner, the owner and
10 operator of one of Talbot County's oldest businesses, Fielder's Grist Mill, and Debbie
11 Gignilliat Buckner; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Savannah Lee Buckner resides in Junction City, Talbot County, Georgia, in the
13 former home of her late paternal great-grandparents, William Harvey Buckner, Jr., and Betty
14 Anne Fielder Buckner; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Savannah's ancestors include nine generations of the Buckner family who have
16 resided in Talbot County, Georgia, since the 1830s; and
- 17 WHEREAS, her maternal great-grandparents are Dorothy Bassett and Edwin Winn of Warm
18 Springs, Georgia, and through Savannah's maternal grandmother she is a descendant of U.S.
19 presidents, John Adams and John Quincy Adams; and
- 20 WHEREAS, her maternal great-grandparents are Clarence Jackson and Betty Jo Thompson
21 Robinson of Marion County, Georgia; he is the founder, president, and CEO of Robinson

22 Paving Company in Columbus, Georgia, and she is a descendant of eight generations of the
23 Robinson family who have resided in nearby Marion County, Georgia, where they settled in
24 the 1830s; and

25 WHEREAS, her paternal great-grandparents are the late Eugene Gignilliat, Jr., and at 93
26 years old, the current matriarch of both the Marshall and Gignilliat families, Mildred Louise
27 Marshall Gignilliat of Columbus, Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, through her paternal grandmother, Savannah is a descendant of two of Georgia's
29 first families who, in the 1790s, settled in colonial coastal Georgia: the Gignilliat family,
30 French Huguenots who emigrated from Switzerland to Savannah, Georgia, and the McIntosh
31 family, a clan of Scottish Highlanders who assisted James Oglethorpe in the early settlement
32 of the great State of Georgia, in what ultimately became McIntosh and Glynn counties; and

33 WHEREAS, these fine Christian families they have demonstrated the traits of our great
34 state's motto of wisdom, justice, and moderation throughout history; and

35 WHEREAS, her ancestors and relatives have served as public servants, elected officials,
36 teachers, preachers, lawyers, farmers, millers, soldiers, sailors, and an Indian chief; and

37 WHEREAS, they have set an excellent example by serving the Lord, their family, friends,
38 and the State of Georgia with honor and distinction.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
40 the members of this body commemorate the birth of Savannah Lee Buckner and extend best
41 wishes for good health, much happiness, and success.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
44 Savannah Lee Buckner.