

## House Resolution 820

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>, Nelson of the 125<sup>th</sup>, Cannon of the 58<sup>th</sup>, Kendrick of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, and Abrams of the 89<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Lottie Heywood Watkins; 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 Lottie Heywood Watkins on February 20, 2017; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Lottie Heywood Watkins was born on June 4, 1918, a beloved daughter of  
5 Eddie and Susie Heywood, attended Booker T. Washington High School, and later graduated  
6 from Reid's School of Business; and
- 7 WHEREAS, with fierce determination, she continued to advance her career at Mutual  
8 Federal Savings & Loan until she started Lottie Watkins Enterprises, Inc., a full-service real  
9 estate and property management company in 1960, becoming the first African American  
10 female real estate broker in the Atlanta market; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she was a dedicated and committed activist and highly respected for the  
12 contributions she made to civic and social affairs, receiving numerous awards and honors,  
13 including being presented the 2011 State of Georgia's annual "Leadership, Dedication, and  
14 Courage in Civil Rights" award by Governor Nathan Deal; and
- 15 WHEREAS, she was active with the Democratic Party where she organized, campaigned,  
16 and supported candidates in Atlanta for decades; she was an avid supporter of President Bill  
17 Clinton, President Barack Obama, and served as a delegate for President Jimmy Carter; in  
18 1977, armed with her polished leadership skills, business savvy, and concern for her fellow  
19 citizens, she was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives; and
- 20 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, she was a member of Providence  
21 Missionary Baptist Church where she served as the first female on the Trustee Board; and

22 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
23 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,  
24 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Lottie Heywood Watkins will long be  
26 remembered for her love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great  
27 fortune of knowing her.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Lottie Heywood Watkins  
30 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

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 the  
33 family of Lottie Heywood Watkins.