

House Resolution 1217

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Joyce Millsaps Bryson; 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 Mrs. Joyce Millsaps Bryson on June 7, 2017; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bryson was born on June 8, 1933, in Fannin County, Georgia, a beloved  
5 daughter of Reverend Wallace J. Millsaps and Irene Harkins Millsaps; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a pioneer businesswoman, Mrs. Bryson was one of the first female real estate  
7 brokers in Blue Ridge and served as the owner and broker at Bryson Realty; and
- 8 WHEREAS, her leadership and vision were instrumental to numerous organizations,  
9 including the Blue Ridge Arts Association and the Fannin County Chamber of Commerce;  
10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Bryson was an active member of  
12 Harbor Ministries in McCaysville, Georgia, and was passionate about researching her  
13 family's history and heritage; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bryson was united in love and marriage for 66 wonderful years to Grady  
15 "Jack" Bryson, and was blessed with three remarkable children, David, Wally, and Denise,  
16 seven wonderful grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren; and
- 17 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
18 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
19 her family and friends were admired by others; and

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

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mrs. Bryson will long be remembered  
24 for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal wife, mother, grandmother, and friend  
25 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Joyce Millsaps  
28 Bryson and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

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 the  
31 family of Mrs. Joyce Millsaps Bryson.