

## House Resolution 1432

By: Representatives Coleman of the 97<sup>th</sup>, Chandler of the 105<sup>th</sup>, Clark of the 98<sup>th</sup>, Epps of the 144<sup>th</sup>, Coomer of the 14<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Merri M. Brantley; 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 Merri M. Brantley on March 4, 2018; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Merri was born on November 3, 1959, in Okinawa, Japan, where her father was  
5 stationed with the military and spent her youth in Belgium before coming stateside; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a beloved daughter of retired Air Force Colonel Gene and Lucia Brantley, Merri  
7 was a loving and doting aunt to three beautiful nieces, Cara Leigh, Kimberly, and Stephanie,  
8 and two handsome nephews, Clint and Logan; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
10 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
11 her family and friends were admired by others; and
- 12 WHEREAS, working for then State House Minority Leader Johnny Isakson in the 1980s,  
13 serving as Senate Press Director, and most recently being employed as the Executive  
14 Director of Governmental Affairs for Georgia Gwinnett College, Merri's passion for politics  
15 and education girded the bounds of her remarkable career; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she was affectionately known as Merri Grace, queen of the third floor and  
17 keeper of the Gold Dome Etiquette Guide, and the press corps called her "Sweet B"; and
- 18 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Merri will long be remembered for her  
19 love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing  
20 her.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Merri M. Brantley and  
23 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
26 family of Merri M. Brantley.