

House Resolution 919

By: Representative Bentley of the 139<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Rachel C. Echols; 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 Rachel C. Echols on July 22, 2019; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Rachel C. Echols was born on July 11, 1937, in Ohatchee, Alabama, a beloved  
5 daughter of Sye and Mary Louise Woods Crook; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Rachel C. Echols was an active member of  
7 13th Street Church of Christ in Cordele, Georgia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, Leon Echols, and was  
9 blessed with two remarkable children, Boniface and Kalandra; two wonderful grandchildren,  
10 Casandra and Boniface; and three outstanding great-grandchildren, Ari, Xander, and Zaira;  
11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, Rachel C. Echols gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and  
13 deep concern for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she  
14 demonstrated to her family and friends were admired by others; and
- 15 WHEREAS, she was a dedicated and loving educator who was recognized for her  
16 commitment to the education and welfare of young people; and
- 17 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
18 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,  
19 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

20 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Rachel C. Echols will long be  
21 remembered for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who  
22 had the great fortune of knowing her.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Rachel C. Echols and  
25 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
28 family of Rachel C. Echols.