

House Resolution 968

By: Representative Silcox of the 52<sup>nd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Wicke Chambers; 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 Wicke Chambers on November 22, 2019; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Wicke Chambers was a beloved daughter of James McCoy and Margaret  
5 Hardwick Oliver; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, Rufus, and was blessed  
7 with three remarkable children, Rufus Jr., Margaret, and Alex; and seven wonderful  
8 grandchildren, Bill III, Rufus III, Brandon, Adair, Jack, Charlie, and Maggie; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she and her business partner, Spring Asher, founded Speechworks, published  
10 nine books, wrote articles for the *Atlanta-Journal Constitution*, and won six tv Emmy awards  
11 while serving as executive producers of "Super 2," "TIMEOUT," and "Alive Noonday"; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Wicke coauthored *Celebrate Retirement* with Cheryl Stephenson and taught  
13 Reinventing Retirement at Emory University OLLI courses; and
- 14 WHEREAS, she served as a trustee of the High Museum of Art, the Atlanta Fulton County  
15 Library, the YMCA Metro Board, and the University of Georgia Foundation; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Wicke further dedicated herself to the community as president of the Women  
17 Business Owners of Atlanta and the High Museum of Art Members Guild and served on the  
18 Boards of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, the Atlanta Junior League, Leadership  
19 Atlanta, Habitat Atlanta, and the Piedmont Hospital Board of Visitors; and

20 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
21 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
22 her family and friends were admired by others; and

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

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

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

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
34 family of Wicke Chambers.