

House Resolution 135

By: Representative Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Ellender Smith LeFevre; 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 Ellender Smith LeFevre on September 5, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ellender Smith LeFevre was born on November 2, 1920, in Montgomery,  
5 Alabama, a beloved daughter of William Plummer and Minnie Stroup Smith; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith and a follower of Christ raised in the Baptist  
7 church, Ellender Smith LeFevre was an active member of Mount Paran Church of God in  
8 Atlanta; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her late husband Alphus, who was a  
10 member of the Gospel Singing LeFevres, and was blessed with two remarkable children,  
11 Maria and Scott; five wonderful grandchildren, Ryan, Falon, Jon, Josh, and Demee; and nine  
12 outstanding great-grandchildren, Cali, Kendal, Wyatt, Elijah, Lynley, Weston, Kalila, India,  
13 and Ford; and

14 WHEREAS, she was a graduate of Commercial High School in Atlanta who first worked for  
15 Gulf Oil and then later for the first National Bank of Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, at the age of 17, she attended the world premiere of *Gone With the Wind* at  
17 Loew's Grand Theatre, where she was able to meet several key actors like Olivia de  
18 Havilland, Hattie McDaniel, and Leslie Howard, but unfortunately she did not meet her  
19 favorite actor, Clark Gable; and

20 WHEREAS, in the 1970s and 1980s, she continued to support her husband's musical career  
21 as a booking agent, secretary, and laundry and bus cleaner; and

22 WHEREAS, Ellender was the quintessential southern belle and a humorous person who  
23 included numerous Southern sayings in her normal everyday conversations; and

24 WHEREAS, she was well known and cherished as the community watchdog, a member of  
25 the PTA, a humane society supporter, and a disciplinarian of the entire neighborhood; and

26 WHEREAS, in her later years, she drove her children and grandchildren to school and to ball  
27 games, greatly enjoying her time spent in the presence of her loving family; and

28 WHEREAS, she remained vibrant, sassy, and funny despite the many challenges of life and  
29 was a constant in a world of inconsistency, joy in a land of sorrow, support to those in need,  
30 and sense of direction to the lost; and

31 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Ellender Smith LeFevre will long be  
32 remembered for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who  
33 had the great fortune of knowing her.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Ellender Smith LeFevre  
36 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
39 family of Ellender Smith LeFevre.