

House Resolution 407

By: Representative Jones of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Woodie Jean Neal Persons; 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 Woodie Jean Neal Persons on February 13, 2021; and

4 WHEREAS, Woodie Jean Neal Persons was born on July 3, 1949, and was raised in Atlanta,
5 Georgia, a beloved daughter of Lovie and Woodrow Webster Neal; and

6 WHEREAS, a phenomenal educator, she tirelessly directed an extraordinary amount of time
7 and talent toward guiding students to a brighter future in the Norfolk, Virginia, and Fulton
8 County public school systems; and

9 WHEREAS, the proud creator and director of the Gate City Heritage School of Excellence,
10 her private school program provided students with a high-quality, enriching experience; and

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

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

17 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Woodie Jean Neal Persons will long be
18 remembered for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
19 had the great fortune of knowing her.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Woodie Jean Neal Persons
22 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
25 family of Woodie Jean Neal Persons.