

## House Resolution 771

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Peggy Usher Theus; 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 Peggy Usher Theus on December 25, 2023; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Peggy Usher Theus was born on May 20, 1941, in Augusta, Georgia, a beloved  
5 daughter of Alvin and Frances Owen Usher; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she significantly contributed to her community by working on projects such as  
7 the Columbus Riverwalk and the Coca Cola Space Science Center, and after her graduation  
8 from Columbus State University, she served in prominent roles such as executive assistant  
9 to former Columbus Mayor James Jernigan and as executive secretary for the Bradley-Turner  
10 Foundation; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Peggy was a lifelong and active member  
12 of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, where she served her spiritual community with  
13 dedication and love; and

14 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, Thomas, and was blessed  
15 with four remarkable children, William, Ted, Jennifer, and Elizabeth; eight wonderful  
16 grandchildren; and four outstanding great-grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, Peggy inspired many with her high ideals, morals, and deep concern for her  
18 fellow citizens, and her devotion, patience, and understanding shown to her family and  
19 friends were admired by others; and

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

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Peggy will long be remembered for her  
24 love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great  
25 fortune of knowing her.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Peggy Usher Theus and  
28 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
31 family of Peggy Usher Theus.