

## House Resolution 423

By: Representatives Burns of the 159<sup>th</sup> and Hitchens of the 161<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating Ernestine Hunter; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, this year, Ernestine Hunter will enjoy the rare distinction of celebrating her  
3 100th birthday, entering the exclusive club of Georgia's centenarians; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ernestine Hunter began her remarkable 42 year teaching career in 1942 at just  
5 17 years old, serving as the only teacher in a one-room schoolhouse that educated children  
6 aged 5 to 17; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she played a vital role in the education of Black students in Effingham County  
8 during a time when high school education was largely inaccessible to them as they were  
9 required to travel to Savannah or Statesboro until the establishment of Springfield Central  
10 High School and Elementary School in 1956; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Ernestine Hunter demonstrated steadfast dedication to her students, adhering  
12 to a regimented class schedule that included math, reading, English, spelling, and health  
13 while also providing needed guidance and discipline; and

14 WHEREAS, she taught thousands of students across many schools in Effingham County,  
15 including Union Springs and Clyo, before concluding her distinguished career at Marlow  
16 Elementary School in 1984; and

17 WHEREAS, Ernestine Hunter possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through  
18 experience and the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many  
19 challenges of life; and

20 WHEREAS, she has witnessed a dramatic change in the world over the course of her  
21 lifetime, and we salute her contribution to its progress by her own hard work, good  
22 citizenship, and commitment to the youth of this state; and

23 WHEREAS, by the example Ernestine Hunter has made of her life, she makes this world a  
24 better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be appropriately  
25 recognized during this very special and memorable time.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body congratulate Ernestine Hunter upon the remarkable occasion of her  
28 100th birthday and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

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  
31 Ernestine Hunter.