

House Resolution 571

By: Representatives Rhodes of the 124<sup>th</sup> and Jackson of the 128<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Elizabeth Cail Newsome Hammons; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of Elizabeth Cail Newsome Hammons on August 29, 2024; and

5 WHEREAS, Elizabeth Cail Newsome Hammons was born on September 28, 1978, in  
6 Warrenton, Georgia, a beloved daughter of James and Susan McManus Newsome; and

7 WHEREAS, a graduate of Georgia College and State University, she dedicated her career  
8 to the preservation and revitalization of rural communities across Georgia, serving the City  
9 of Greensboro for over 18 years as main street manager and later as community development  
10 director; and

11 WHEREAS, during her tenure, she oversaw transformative projects such as the  
12 redevelopment of a multipurpose performing arts center, the rehabilitation of an old cotton  
13 warehouse, the installation of gateway signage, and vital park improvements; and

14 WHEREAS, she was instrumental in securing millions of dollars in grant funding for  
15 Greensboro through Community Development Block Grants, park grants, emergency  
16 response grants, and additional funding programs as well as overseeing owner-occupied  
17 home rehabilitations through the CHIP program; and

18 WHEREAS, she further managed Greensboro's Historic Preservation Committee, oversaw  
19 the city's comprehensive and five-year plans, secured Downtown Development Revolving  
20 Loan Funds and Georgia Cities funding for small businesses, and led Greensboro's  
21 participation in the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing; and

22 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, Matt, and the two were  
23 blessed with a remarkable son, Lee, whom she considered her proudest achievement; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Elizabeth Cail Newsome  
29 Hammons and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
32 family of Elizabeth Cail Newsome Hammons.