

House Resolution 860

By: Representatives Martin of the 49<sup>th</sup> and Jones of the 47<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Marie Lewis Garrett; 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 Marie Lewis Garrett on August 10, 2024; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Marie Lewis Garrett was born on October 20, 1953, on Governors Island, New  
5 York, a beloved daughter of Russell and Maria Lewis; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she was immensely proud of her father's distinguished military service,  
7 honoring his memory by laying wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery, and she deeply  
8 cherished her mother's Austrian heritage, maintaining close ties with her European relatives  
9 and speaking fluent German; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Marie Lewis Garrett earned her undergraduate  
11 degree from the University of Georgia and received a Master of Science from Georgia State  
12 University's College of Public and Urban Affairs in 1985; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she began her distinguished public service career with the City of Alpharetta,  
14 Georgia, where she served from 1982 to 1993 in multiple leadership roles, including Director

15 of Planning and Community Development from February 1982 to May 1989, Assistant City  
16 Administrator from May 1989 to May 1991, and City Administrator for Development from  
17 May 1991 to March 1993; and

18 WHEREAS, she later played a pivotal role in the planning and development of numerous  
19 municipalities throughout metro Atlanta, serving as the first City Manager of Brookhaven,  
20 Georgia, from December 2012 to January 2016 and consulting for the cities of Powder  
21 Springs, Stone Mountain, Roswell, Dunwoody, and Sandy Springs through her firm, Marie  
22 Garrett Consulting Inc.; and

23 WHEREAS, throughout her career, she held key roles such as Special Advisor to the Mayor  
24 of Canton, Interim City Manager for Johns Creek, Consultant for the City of Milton, and  
25 Vice President of Development at Harry's Farmers Market Inc., where she handled  
26 governmental affairs and legislative lobbying at the federal, state, and local levels; and

27 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband of 46 years, Steve, and was  
28 blessed with three remarkable sons, Stephen, Zachary, and Matthew, and three cherished  
29 grandchildren, Rachael, Grady, and Julia, who knew her affectionately as "Oma."

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Marie Lewis Garrett and  
32 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
35 family of Marie Lewis Garrett.