

House Resolution 960

By: Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd and Bonner of the 73rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Nancy Nell Spires Tarlano; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Nancy Nell Spires Tarlano was born on May 31, 1937, to her adoring and
3 beloved parents, Harold and Gertrude Spires, as the second child after her cherished older
4 sister, Sue, and before her beloved late brother, James (Jim); and

5 WHEREAS, as a young girl, Nancy experienced issues with her eyesight that required her
6 to wear glasses as a baby, which helped shape her studious personal identity; and

7 WHEREAS, she graduated from Julianne Catholic High School in Dayton, Ohio, where she
8 was recognized for her scholastic abilities, and went on to attend the University of Dayton,
9 becoming the second female to graduate with a Bachelor of Science from the prestigious
10 Chemistry Department and paving the way for countless other women in science; and

11 WHEREAS, while at the University of Dayton, she was selected by her mentor and
12 professor, Dr. Carl Michaelis, to be one of two students conducting cutting-edge research to
13 develop a technique to separate rare earth metals—a groundbreaking process that remains
14 in use at the university and has been adopted by private industries and nations across the
15 globe; and

16 WHEREAS, Nancy is credited as a co-author on the rare earth metal research white paper
17 alongside Dr. Michaelis; and

18 WHEREAS, she met her husband, John P. Tarlano, at the University of Dayton, where he
19 earned a Bachelor of Science in physics before attending Ohio State University, earning a
20 Master of Science in physics and a Juris Doctor, and the happy couple continues to enjoy a
21 high quality of life at age 87 in Fayetteville, Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, Nancy was one of the first working stay-at-home mothers in 1960 at the
23 Chemical Abstracts Service, where she identified new chemical compounds, and she is an
24 honored participant in the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC)
25 Nomenclature for Chemistry; and

26 WHEREAS, while raising her two daughters, Marilyn and Sharon, Nancy contributed to the
27 systematic naming of chemical compounds, and she later welcomed her third daughter,
28 Karen, after John completed law school, followed by the birth of their son, Anthony (Tony),
29 after moving to Oakwood, Ohio; and

30 WHEREAS, Nancy and John are now the proud grandparents of six adored grandchildren:
31 Patrick and Kelsey Mutchler, Hayes and Elizabeth Pope, and Mia and Dominic (Nico)
32 Tarlano; and

33 WHEREAS, she later served as a chemistry and math teacher at Lake Braddock Secondary
34 School in Burke, Virginia, where she was highly regarded and regularly participated in sports
35 activities before retiring from education; and

36 WHEREAS, Nancy is a proud member of the Fayette-Starr's Mill Chapter of the National
37 Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution under her patriot, Adam Brandt, who
38 served under General George Washington in the crossing of the Delaware River and helped
39 settle Lancaster, Ohio, with his wife and three other family couples, who traveled there in
40 horse-drawn carriages; and

41 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable individual be
42 appropriately honored during this special time.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
44 the members of this body honor Nancy Nell Spires Tarlano for her pioneering achievements
45 in science and education, her unwavering dedication to her family, and her enduring legacy
46 of excellence as well as extend their best wishes for continued health and happiness.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
48 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
49 Nancy Nell Spires Tarlano.