

House Resolution 1096

By: Representatives Reese of the 140th, Mitchell of the 88th, Jackson of the 68th, Prince of the 132nd, and Herring of the 145th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Jack and Jill of America, Inc.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., is a membership organization of mothers with
3 children ages two through nineteen, dedicated to nurturing future African-American leaders
4 by strengthening children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic
5 giving, and civic duty; and

6 WHEREAS, the late Marion Stubbs Thomas founded Jack and Jill of America, Inc., on
7 January 24, 1938, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania when 20 mothers came together to discuss
8 creating an organization to provide social, cultural, and educational opportunities for youth
9 between the ages of two and nineteen; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1946, ten chapters were involved in the national restructuring process where
11 a constitution and bylaws were drawn up and the organization was incorporated under laws
12 of the state of Delaware; and

13 WHEREAS, today, this organization has 262 chapters nationwide, representing 50,000
14 families in seven regions with each chapter planning annual programming activities guided

15 under a national theme, and through service projects, it creates a medium of contact for
16 children to stimulate their growth and development; and

17 WHEREAS, the Jack and Jill of America Foundation, Inc., is the philanthropic arm of Jack
18 and Jill of America, Inc., and since its inception in 1968, the foundation has distributed
19 millions of dollars to communities all across America; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia is a part of the Southeastern Region and home to the 28th National
21 President Darlene McGhee Wittington and the National Legislative Chair Dorothea “Dee”
22 Dawkins-Haigler; other members of the Regional Executive Board consist of Regional
23 Director Lisa Ivory, Regional Treasurer Shannon Chambers, Regional Secretary Sha’Rhonda
24 McRae, and Member at Large Leila Jerome Clay; and

25 WHEREAS, the Georgia chapters and their respective presidents are as follows: Albany,
26 Alfreda Sheppard; Athens, Cheryl Sewell; Atlanta, Felicia Nickerson; Augusta, Melissa
27 Johnson; Buckhead Atlanta, Brianca Cooper; Columbus, Crystal Shahid; Dunwoody-Atlanta,
28 Terris Ross; East Suburban Atlanta, Tami Thomas; Fayette County Area, Tash-Marie
29 Cheney; Golden Isles, Shontae Buffington; Greater Lake Allatoona , Lisa McLeod; Greater
30 Metropolitan Atlanta, Tiaudra Shaw; Greater North Atlanta, Tracy Jimerson; Lake Spivey,
31 Sandea Harris; Macon, Shandra Yarbrough; North Suburban Atlanta, Dawn Parker;
32 Savannah, Tia Curtis; Southern Crescent, Neanda Andrew; Stone Mountain, Joy Hall;
33 Valdosta, Jonessa Williams; and West Georgia, Kimberli Brown.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body commend the outstanding work of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.,
36 and extend sincere best wishes for the continued success of this invaluable organization.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Jack
39 and Jill of America, Inc.