

## House Resolution 1198

By: Representatives Glaize of the 67<sup>th</sup>, McQueen of the 61<sup>st</sup>, Jackson of the 68<sup>th</sup>, and Dawson of the 65<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mother Essie Lee Harden High; 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 Mother Essie Lee Harden High on January 24, 2026; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mother Essie Lee Harden High was born on October 26, 1930, in Monroe  
5 County, Georgia, a beloved daughter of John Allen and Florence Thrash Harden; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mother Essie was an active member of  
7 Parker Chapel AME Church in Culloden, Georgia, and In His Great Name Worship Center  
8 in Fairburn, Georgia; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
10 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
11 her family and friends were admired by others; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
13 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,  
14 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

15 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mother Essie will long be remembered  
16 for her love of gardening, traveling, attending church, taking care of others, and making  
17 people laugh as well as her commitment to family, friendship, and community and will be  
18 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mother Essie Lee Harden  
21 High and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
23 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
24 family of Mother Essie Lee Harden High.