

House Resolution 1834

By: Representatives Richardson of the 125<sup>th</sup> and Jackson of the 128<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dorothy Cofer; 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 Dorothy “Dot” Cofer on February 15, 2026; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dorothy Cofer was born in Athens, Georgia, a beloved daughter of Charles  
5 Hamlin Tappan Jr. and Dorothy Florence Stone Tappan; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she was blessed with two remarkable children, Rhonwyn and David; and
- 7 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Dorothy Cofer was an active member of  
8 Thomson First Methodist Church, where she served in the church's yearly medical missions  
9 to Honduras, conducted mini-health fairs to increase medical access in areas with limited  
10 services, as well as served on the church's health and welfare committee; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Dorothy Cofer had a long and successful career in McDuffie County, Georgia,  
12 as the Extension Service Home Economist from 1969 until her retirement in 1996; and

13 WHEREAS, among her many proud career achievements, one of the biggest was her annual  
14 McDuffie County Health Fair, where for over 42 years she coordinated almost 200  
15 volunteers; served between 500 and 700 participants, many of whom traveled from  
16 neighboring states to attend; and was recognized in 1991 by the World Health Organization  
17 as the top health fair in the country; and

18 WHEREAS, though her main career focus was on her Extension Service career, she was also  
19 active with teaching DNR Hunter Safety Courses, was on the McDuffie Expo committee and  
20 Thomsons's Olympic Celebration committee, and was a substitute teacher at Thomson High  
21 School; and

22 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Dorothy Cofer will long be remembered  
23 for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the  
24 great fortune of knowing her.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dorothy Cofer and express  
27 their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
30 family of Dorothy Cofer.