

House Resolution 1994

By: Representatives Howard of the 129th, Myles of the 126th, and Prince of the 132nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Madrean Peoples Leonard; 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 Madrean Peoples Leonard on March 23, 2026; and

4 WHEREAS, Madrean Peoples Leonard was born in Jonesboro, Louisiana, on January 3,
5 1929, a beloved daughter of Loyal Lee and Lillie Mae Paul Peoples, both of whom
6 encouraged her to pursue her education as well as her personal and professional
7 development; and

8 WHEREAS, she graduated from Shady Grove High School in Saline, Louisiana, at the age
9 of 16 and attended Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, receiving a bachelor's degree in home
10 economics and teaching high school science for two years thereafter; and

11 WHEREAS, following her marriage to Rev. Lessel Leonard in 1952, she devoted 13 years
12 of service to the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, where she supervised 4-H clubs,
13 summer camps, afterschool and school enrichment programs for African American students
14 in Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1973, she began her exemplary 20-year-long career as a social service
16 specialist for the Richmond County Division of Family and Children Services in the Adult
17 Protective Services Division, during which time she made a positive impact on hundreds of
18 lives in the Augusta community; and

19 WHEREAS, Madrean Peoples Leonard was blessed with three remarkable children, Bonnie,
20 Lester, and Patrick; six wonderful grandchildren; eight outstanding great-grandchildren; and
21 four beloved great-great-grandchildren; and

22 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
23 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
24 her family and friends were admired by others; and

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Madrean Peoples Leonard will long be
26 remembered for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
27 had the great fortune of knowing her.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Madrean Peoples Leonard
30 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 family of Madrean Peoples Leonard.