

## House Resolution 2093

By: Representatives Gilliard of the 162<sup>nd</sup>, Bell of the 75<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 68<sup>th</sup>, and Tran of the 80<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Jacob "Jake" Hutchings; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the "Original 33" were the first 33 African-American members of the Georgia  
3 General Assembly, elected into office in 1868; and
- 4 WHEREAS, born a slave in 1831 in Virginia, Jacob "Jake" Hutchings was elected as the first  
5 Black State Representative for Jones County in 1868; and
- 6 WHEREAS, although not formally remembered as a member of the "Original 33" Jacob  
7 "Jake" Hutchings was the 34th African-American member of the Georgia General Assembly;  
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, prior to his election, Jake was a skilled stone mason, cutting much of the stone  
10 in the county, including the granite in this retaining wall at the Jones County Court House;  
11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was highly regarded as man of great strength, kindness, and respect; and

13 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to honor the outstanding impact of this  
14 distinguished Georgian.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
16 the members of this body recognize and commend Jacob "Jake" Hutchings.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
18 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
19 public and the press.