

House Resolution 38EX

By: Representative Scott of the 76th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mattie Harrison Grice; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia joins family, friends, and loved ones in mourning the loss
3 of one of its most cherished citizens with the passing of Mattie Harrison Grice on August 4,
4 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, Mattie Harrison Grice was born on November 27, 1933, in Havana, Florida, the
6 beloved daughter of the late Goldie Ervin Harrison and John Spencer Harrison, and from an
7 early age, she exemplified the values of faith, hard work, compassion, and service to others;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Grice was a lifelong and devoted
10 member of Hopewell African Methodist Episcopal Church in Havana, Florida, where she
11 faithfully worshiped, served her church family, and demonstrated Christian principles
12 throughout her life; and

13 WHEREAS, she was united in holy matrimony to Lawrence Grice, and together they built
14 a loving home and were blessed with seven remarkable children, creating a legacy that

15 continues through generations of family members who were inspired by her wisdom,
16 guidance, and unconditional love; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Grice understood the value of honest labor and dedicated herself to
18 providing for her family through a lifetime of hard work and determination; she worked in
19 the tobacco fields and packing houses of Florida, helping to sustain her family through
20 challenging times; and

21 WHEREAS, after leaving farm work, she continued her career serving her community in
22 various capacities, including working in the cafeteria at Northside High School, assisting
23 customers at Mr. Spooner's Clothing Store in downtown Havana, and later serving at
24 Alexander Furniture Store before beginning a distinguished career at Goodwood Manor,
25 where she faithfully worked for more than 40 years; and

26 WHEREAS, Mrs. Grice's commitment to family was exemplified by her selfless decision to
27 leave her employment of many years in order to care for her beloved baby sister, Mamie,
28 demonstrating a level of devotion, sacrifice, and compassion that reflected the very best of
29 human character; and

30 WHEREAS, despite experiencing the profound sorrow of losing one of her beloved
31 daughters, Verdell Grice Albert, in 1992, she remained steadfast in faith and continued to be
32 a source of strength, comfort, and encouragement to her family and community; and

33 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, strong moral character,
34 and deep concern for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she
35 demonstrated toward her family and friends earned her the admiration and respect of all who
36 knew her; and

37 WHEREAS, Mrs. Grice was a woman of magnanimous strength with an unimpeachable
38 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made
39 of her life, she made this world a better place in which to live; and

40 WHEREAS, her life was a shining example of faith, perseverance, service, and love, and she
41 will forever be remembered as a loyal wife, devoted mother, cherished grandmother, loving
42 sister, caring aunt, faithful church member, and treasured friend; and

43 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding life and enduring legacy
44 of this extraordinary woman be appropriately recognized and remembered.

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
46 the members of this body honor the life and memory of Mattie Harrison Grice and express
47 their deepest and most sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all those whose lives
48 were enriched by her presence.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
50 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
51 family of Mattie Harrison Grice.