

## House Resolution 1361

By: Representatives Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Holly of the 111<sup>th</sup>, Stovall of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Burnough of the 77<sup>th</sup>, and Douglas of the 78<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and congratulating Mrs. Naomi N. Evans on the remarkable occasion of her 90th  
2 birthday; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Naomi N. Evans, born in Davenport, Florida, was the third of seven  
4 children. As a young child, she often spent time with her beloved Aunt Mary Lee Mitchell  
5 Norwood, a graduate of Morris Brown College and classroom teacher. Stories told by her  
6 aunt, tutorial sessions, and assurances that she was smart piqued her interest in becoming an  
7 elementary school teacher; and

8 WHEREAS, realizing it would be difficult for her family to afford to send her to college,  
9 Mrs. Evans began cleaning houses at 13 years old in order to save funds. She saved enough  
10 money to pay her tuition for the first year and continued to work during the summers.  
11 Eventually, her father mortgaged the family home to ensure tuition was paid, and she  
12 graduated from Florida Memorial College with a bachelor's degree in early childhood  
13 education. She was the first member of her family to attend college and later received a  
14 master's degree from Indiana University; and

15 WHEREAS, her time at college was well spent as Mrs. Evans became a dedicated  
16 elementary school teacher and worked for the Jefferson County School System for 33 years.  
17 During her tenure, she helped mold the future of countless students by working diligently to  
18 ensure that all students received a quality education. As a passionate educator, Mrs. Evans  
19 inspired and challenged students to do their best and to continue to strive for excellence in  
20 their endeavors. Through her commitment and dedication, she prepared students for the  
21 responsibilities and opportunities of the future by nurturing their hearts and minds; and

22 WHEREAS, after a few years of retirement, Mrs. Evans returned to the profession she loved  
23 and served as a substitute teacher for the Atlanta Public School System for several years. Her  
24 influence touched not only students but also parents, families, the community, and all she  
25 mentored over the years; and

26 WHEREAS, she is a dedicated mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, retired educator, mentor,  
27 church member, and friend. She has been a longtime resident of Louisville, Georgia, and a  
28 faithful member of Eden Baptist Church for 61 years, where she sings in the choir and  
29 previously served as the missionary chairperson and Sunday school teacher. She still is an  
30 ardent supporter of church activities; and

31 WHEREAS, Mrs. Evans resides part-time in Conyers, Georgia, with her children and attends  
32 Salem Bible Church in Lithonia, Georgia; and

33 WHEREAS, she has witnessed a dramatic change in the world over the course of her  
34 lifetime, and we salute her contribution to its progress through her tireless efforts on behalf  
35 of her community and extended family; and

36 WHEREAS, by the example Mrs. Evans has made of her life, she makes this world a better  
37 place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be appropriately recognized  
38 during this very special and memorable time of her life.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
40 the members of this body honor and congratulate Mrs. Naomi N. Evans on the remarkable  
41 occasion of her 90th birthday and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued health  
42 and happiness.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
44 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mrs.  
45 Naomi N. Evans.