

House Resolution 1551

By: Representative Brooks of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Ruby Nell Enola Gay Durden; 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 Mrs. Ruby Nell Enola Gay Durden on September 20, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Durden was born on June 26, 1916, in Covington, Georgia, a beloved
5 daughter of Hattie Kelly and Robert Gay; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she graduated with honors from Washington Street High School and was the
7 class valedictorian; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Durden served as Assistant State
9 Mother and State Mother in the Apostolic Holiness Church and general supervisor, youth
10 supervisor, and Sunday school superintendent of the Apostolic Church Denomination and
11 was a founding member of Faith and Deliverance Ministries in Atlanta; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Durden was united in love and marriage to Silas Durden, Sr., and was
13 blessed with four children, Mary Ester, Hattie Kate, Shirley Janette, and Silas, Jr.; eight
14 grandchildren, Lavoria, Tracey, Shantilata, Billy, Tony, Phillip, Damon, and William; 14
15 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
17 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
18 her family and friends were admired by others; and
- 19 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
20 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,
21 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

22 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mrs. Durden will long be remembered
23 for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal mother, grandmother, and friend will be
24 missed by all who had the 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 Mrs. Ruby Nell Enola Gay
27 Durden and express 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 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Ruby
30 Nell Enola Gay Durden.