

House Resolution 216

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Stovall of the 74th, Glanton of the 75th, Waites of the 60th, Douglas of the 78th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Leola Wiggins Jordan; 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 Leola Wiggins Jordan on January 26, 2017; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Leola Wiggins Jordan was born on October 11, 1925, in Jeffersonville, Georgia;
5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, she was raised in the well-known community of Pumpkin Hollow in Twiggs
7 County and worked at Camp Wheeler as a teenager during World War II; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she received her bachelor's degree from Fort Valley State University and her
9 master's degree from Mercer University; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Leola worked as an educator in the Bibb County School System for 34 years
11 and won the McKibben Lane Award for Bibb County Teacher of the Year; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband of 64 years, the late John
13 E.I. Jordan, Jr., who affectionately called her "Pumpkin," and was blessed with five
14 wonderful children, Debra, John III, Darryl, Lynn, and Janet; and
- 15 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
16 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
17 her family and friends were admired by others; and
- 18 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
19 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example Leola made of her life,
20 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

21 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Leola will long be remembered for her
22 love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing
23 her.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Leola Wiggins Jordan and
26 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 family of Leola Wiggins Jordan.