

House Resolution 709

By: Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st, Thomas of the 39th, Williams of the 37th, and Allen of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Beth Farokhi; 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 Dr. Beth Farokhi on June 22, 2018; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Beth Farokhi was born on February 16, 1948, in Augusta, Georgia, and
5 received graduate degrees in education from Emory University and the University of
6 Georgia; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, Nasrolah, and was blessed
8 with three remarkable children, Arman Rashidfarokhi, Amir Farokhi, and Sanaz
9 Rashidfarokhi; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Dr. Farokhi's deep and abiding love for her fellow human beings inspired her
11 to welcome more than 35 young Iranians into her home over the years, as they settled in and
12 found their way through the United States; and
- 13 WHEREAS, by establishing a women's leadership program, founding and publishing an
14 international gender equity newsletter, serving in state and national leadership for the
15 American Association of University Women, and creating the "Women of Georgia Project,"
16 Dr. Farokhi served as a stalwart champion of women's rights and equality; and
- 17 WHEREAS, her passion for education led to innumerable accomplishments and
18 achievements, including serving as head of the Galloway School and as chairwoman of
19 Georgia Federation of Democratic Women's Education Committee; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Dr. Farokhi coordinated curriculum development for more than 50 degree
21 programs at Georgia State University's College of Education; and

22 WHEREAS, she served on the Board of Trustees at LaGrange College, where she was also
23 a past president of the alumni association and received the college's Distinguished Service
24 Alumni Award in 2018; and

25 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
26 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
27 her family and friends were admired by others; and

28 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
29 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,
30 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

31 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Dr. Farokhi will long be remembered
32 for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the
33 great fortune of knowing her.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Beth Farokhi and
36 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
39 family of Dr. Beth Farokhi.