

House Resolution 839

By: Representative Powell of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Margaret Lee Ayers; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Margaret Lee Ayers, a native of Lavonia, Georgia, passed away on October 10,
3 2023, after a life of professional and community acclaim that spanned 96 years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Margaret Ayers, affectionately known as "Mrs. Lavonia," served her employer,
5 the Northeast Georgia Bank, with distinction for more than 79 years and endeared herself to
6 the community and region through numerous civic activities; and
- 7 WHEREAS, a graduate of Lavonia High School, her banking career began in 1944, and she
8 was a lifelong member of Lavonia First Baptist Church; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she was the historian of her beloved city; a board member of the Lavonia
10 Housing Authority and Franklin County Habitat for Humanity; a charter member of the
11 Lavonia Pilot Club; and a member of the Lavonia Hospital Authority, the Lavonia Historic
12 Preservation Commission, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Lavonia Lions Club,
13 Friends of the Lavonia Library, Lavonia Women's Club, Franklin County Historical Society,
14 and both the Lavonia and Franklin County Chambers of Commerce; and

15 WHEREAS, her incredible love for and duty to her hometown prompted the Lavonia Clinic
16 to create the "Margaret Ayers Award for Civic Health," given to individuals who uphold her
17 commitment to service to others; and

18 WHEREAS, Margaret was a strong pillar of her beloved community, and we mourn her
19 passing yet celebrate her accomplished life.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Margaret Lee Ayers and
22 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
25 family of Margaret Lee Ayers.