

House Resolution 40EX

By: Representatives Frazier of the 126th, Hugley of the 136th, and Williams of the 168th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Debra McGhee-McCrary; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, we are here to express our appreciation to Debra McGhee-McCrary and honor
3 her for her distinguished service to the residents of the State of Georgia living with sickle cell
4 disease; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Debra McGhee-McCrary completely revitalized the Sickle Cell Foundation of
6 Georgia, putting it on sound financial ground; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Debra McGhee-McCrary expanded the role of the Sickle Cell Foundation in
8 providing services to individuals living with sickle cell disease, their families, and care
9 givers; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Debra McGhee-McCrary initiated the first Community Health Worker Program
11 for the State of Georgia, increasing sickle cell disease surveillance so that individuals out of
12 specialty care who live with sickle cell disease can obtain hematology services and continuity
13 of care; and

14 WHEREAS, Debra McGhee-McCrary initiated the first non-specialty healthcare providers
15 course with the Morehouse School of Medicine and the Accrediting Council for Continuing
16 Medical Education, increasing the evidenced based knowledge of non-specialty providers
17 in Georgia who may be called upon to make clinical decisions about the treatment and care
18 of individuals living with sickle cell disease; and

19 WHEREAS, Debra McGhee-McCrary worked tirelessly, was an inspiration to so many, and
20 lived a great life of service to the citizenry of the State of Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, Debra McGhee-McCrary was a journalist, a board member with Global Blood
22 Therapeutics, and a member of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Debra McGhee-McCrary
25 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 family of Debra McGhee-McCrary.