

House Resolution 418

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Hugley of the 136th, Smith of the 134th, Buckner of the 137th, and Pezold of the 133rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Representative Maretta Taylor; 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 Representative Maretta Taylor on February 17, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Representative Taylor was devoted to serving her community and represented
5 District 134 in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1990 to 2002; and
- 6 WHEREAS, before serving in the Georgia General Assembly, Representative Taylor worked
7 as a librarian and educator for 28 years; and
- 8 WHEREAS, throughout her years serving in the House of Representatives, Representative
9 Taylor was an adamant supporter of legislation to strengthen families and protect and educate
10 children; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a leader in education, she supported the passage of Governor Zell Miller's
12 HOPE Scholarship legislation, demonstrating her commitment to ensuring that the young
13 people of this state have access to a quality education; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in 2000, Representative Taylor was honored by the Professional Association
15 of Georgia Educators as the outstanding legislator; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to the late Jessie Taylor, the first executive
17 director of the Urban League of Greater Columbus, and she was blessed with many close
18 friends she loved as family; and
- 19 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
20 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
21 her family and friends were admired by others; and

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

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Representative Maretta Taylor will long
26 be remembered for the love of her family, the appreciation of the citizens of Georgia, and the
27 affection of all the students whose lives she touched; and this loyal public servant and friend
28 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Representative Maretta
31 Taylor and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Representative
34 Maretta Taylor.