

House Resolution 427

By: Representative Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Jack and Jill of America, Inc.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., is a membership organization of mothers with
3 children ages 2-19, dedicated to nurturing future African-American leaders by strengthening
4 children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving, and civic
5 duty; and

6 WHEREAS, the late Marion Stubbs Thomas founded Jack and Jill of America, Inc., on
7 January 24, 1938, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania when 20 mothers came together to discuss
8 creating an organization to provide social, cultural, and educational opportunities for youth
9 between the ages of two and 19 and in 1946, ten chapters were involved in the national
10 restructuring process where a constitution and bylaws were drawn up and the organization
11 was incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware; and

12 WHEREAS, today, this organization has 262 chapters nationwide, representing 50,000
13 families in seven regions with each chapter planning annual programming activities guided
14 under a national theme, and through service projects, it creates a medium of contact for
15 children to stimulate their growth and development; and

16 WHEREAS, the Jack and Jill of America Foundation, Inc., is the philanthropic arm of Jack
17 and Jill of America, Inc., and since its inception in 1968, the Foundation has distributed
18 millions of dollars to communities all across America; and

19 WHEREAS, Georgia is a part of the Southeastern Region and home to the 27th National
20 President Kornisha McGill Brown and the Regional Director Darlene McGhee Whittington.
21 The other members of the Regional Executive Board consist of Regional Treasurer Florence
22 Holland, Regional Secretary Sharon January (Georgia), and Member at Large Takeysha
23 Lewis (Georgia). The Regional Legislative Chair is Dorothea "Dee" Dawkins-Haigler.
24 Regional Teen President Jasmine Stewart, Regional Teen President Josephine Glass, and
25 Regional Teen Secretary Blake Haynes; and

26 WHEREAS, the Georgia chapters and their respective presidents are as follows: Albany -
27 Nedra Fortson, Athens - Andrea Phillips, Atlanta - Pamela Redd, Augusta - Monica Johnson,
28 Buckhead Atlanta - Candace Tate, Columbus - Pamela Watson, Dunwoody-Atlanta - Denise
29 Daisy, East Suburban Atlanta - Sha'Ronda McRae, Fayette County Area - Kim Sutton,
30 Golden Isles - Shontae Buffington, Greater Lake Allatoona - Sophia McIntyre-Daniel,
31 Greater Metropolitan Atlanta - Kim Bell, Greater North Atlanta - Kelly Johnson, Lake
32 Spivey - Chaundra Lewis, Macon - Tisha Davis, North Suburban Atlanta - Cecily McDaniel,
33 Savannah - Tara Aiken, Southern Crescent - Stephanie L. Rogers, Stone Mountain - Marissa
34 Key, Valdosta - Tangela Kimber, and West Georgia - LaConia Dean.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body commend the outstanding work of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.,
37 and extend their sincere best wishes for the continued success of this invaluable organization.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Jack
40 and Jill of America, Inc.