

## House Resolution 854

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Ms. Rhonda Payne; 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 Ms. Rhonda Payne on March 17, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ms. Payne began working for the Douglas County Superior Court clerk's office  
5 in 1986, just after she received her diploma from Douglas County High School; and
- 6 WHEREAS, her energy and enthusiasm helped her rise to the position of office manager by  
7 the 1990s, and by 1999 she was chief deputy clerk; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Ms. Payne assumed the role of clerk in 2007 upon the previous clerk's passing  
9 and was officially elected to fill the position in November 2008; and
- 10 WHEREAS, one of the proudest moments of her exemplary career was being selected as the  
11 2007 Douglas County administrative employee of the year; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
13 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
14 her family and friends were admired by others; and
- 15 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
16 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,  
17 she made this world a better place in which to live; and
- 18 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Ms. Rhonda Payne will long be  
19 remembered for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal friend will be missed by all  
20 who had the great fortune of knowing her.

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

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ms. Rhonda  
26 Payne.