

House Resolution 967

By: Representatives Boddie of the 62nd, Frye of the 118th, Gaines of the 117th, Wiedower of the 119th, Bennett of the 94th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating and commending Mary Frances Early; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mary Frances Early has recently received the University of Georgia's highest
3 honor, the President's Medal; and
- 4 WHEREAS, this groundbreaking pioneer has been celebrated as the first African American
5 to graduate from the University of Georgia, earning her master's degree in music education
6 in 1962; and
- 7 WHEREAS, this outstanding gentlewoman has had a tremendous impact on her community
8 through her spirit of service with the Atlanta Public Schools system, serving as a music
9 educator and director for 37 years before her retirement in 1994; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 1964, Mary Frances Early returned to the University of Georgia to continue
11 her education, earning a specialist's degree in education in 1967; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in recognition of this heroic and brave individual, the University of Georgia
13 plans to name its College of Education after Mary Frances Early; and
- 14 WHEREAS, this remarkable trailblazer has established a glowing reputation of renown
15 throughout Georgia for her inspiring courage to integrate the University of Georgia and to
16 serve the Atlanta community; and
- 17 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
18 extraordinary Georgian be appropriately recognized.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body congratulate and commend Mary Frances Early for her dedication
21 in the face of adversity and extend best wishes for future happiness.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mary
24 Frances Early.