

House Resolution 2303

By: Representatives Thomas of the 55th, Sinkfield of the 60th, Dean of the 59th, Mitchell of the 88th, and Heckstall of the 62nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Norman A. Woodard; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Norman A. Woodard, a native Atlantan, was born September 13, 1931; and
- 3 WHEREAS, he is a product of the Atlanta Public School System where he graduated from
4 Booker T. Washington High School in 1950, and then attended Morehouse College prior to
5 being drafted into the military services in 1951; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served with the Second Marine Air Wing for the United States Marines until
7 1953; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he then attended the Academy of Aeronautics where he became certified as an
9 Aviation Structure Technician and took his very first job with Eastern Airlines; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 1956, he united with the now late Robbie Mae Hendrix-Woodard in holy
11 matrimony, and this marriage of 44 years produced three children: Calpurnia Marvice, Rudell
12 Ontaga, and Toki Daorea; and
- 13 WHEREAS, raised as a Master Mason in 1960 and installed as a Worshipful Master Mason
14 of the Evening Star, Lodge #611 in 1962, he was also given the honor of Special District
15 Deputy Grand Master for the State of Georgia at Large in 1964; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in 1976, he was appointed as Deputy Grand Master of the State of Georgia by
17 Grand Master J. W. Lemon; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was elected as Grand Master of the Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge Free and
19 Accepted Ancient York Rite Masons, P.H.O. National Compact, Inc. U.S.A. in 1983, a
20 position he held and served assiduously for 13 years; and

1 WHEREAS, he accomplished a plethora of worthy goals during his tenure in this position;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, in 1996, he was elected to the position of National Grand Master of the Most
4 Worshipful Grand Lodge, F.A.A.A. York Rite Masons, P.H.O. National Compact, Inc.
5 U.S.A. and accomplished an overwhelming number of projects and achieved all the goals he
6 set out to achieve; and

7 WHEREAS, he serves diligently in the Dixie Hills First Baptist Church where he has been
8 a member since 1942 and currently serves on the Board of Deacons, the Trustee Board, and
9 the Committee on Church Anniversary and as the Superintendent of Sunday School and
10 C.E.O. of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws; and

11 WHEREAS, he also now serving as the second Vice President of the Congress of Christian
12 Education, which is an auxiliary of the Atlanta Missionary Baptist Association; and

13 WHEREAS, Norman A. Woodard is a rare and extraordinary individual who has dedicated
14 his life to serving his community and who has truly made a difference in the lives of
15 countless numbers of citizens throughout this state, and it is abundantly fitting and proper
16 that the outstanding accomplishments of this distinguished Georgian be appropriately
17 recognized.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members join in honoring the life and achievements of Norman A. Woodard and
20 commend his many years of service to his community and to the citizens of the State of
21 Georgia.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Norman A. Woodard.