

House Resolution 1514

By: Representative Stanley-Turner of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 In memory of Lithangia Shannell Robinson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Lithangia Shannell Robinson was born, the second of six children, in Atlanta,
3 Georgia, on September 27, 1918, the beloved daughter William and Essie Digby Shannell;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, she was an outstanding student, receiving her B.A. from Clark College and her
6 M.A. in counseling from Atlanta University; and

7 WHEREAS, she became a great educator teaching in the Marietta, DeKalb, and Cobb
8 County School Systems and retiring after 31 years of dedicated service to her students; and

9 WHEREAS, she was a woman committed to the struggle for desegregation and equal rights
10 for African Americans as demonstrated by her service as the first black woman elected
11 president of the GAE and appointed to the Teachers Retirement System board, and she also
12 served as chairperson to the Women's Task Force of National Education; and

13 WHEREAS, Lithangia Robinson will also be remembered for her major impact in the
14 political arena where she was an advocate for education and the elderly including her service
15 as the first black woman to chair the Fulton County Democrats, her service in the national
16 convention as a member of the National Platform Committee, and her service as a delegate
17 to the National Democratic Convention; and

18 WHEREAS, her tremendous dedication and tireless service to others was also demonstrated
19 by her work on many community service boards and associations, as well as her faithful and
20 active membership in St. Paul of The Cross Catholic Church; and

21 WHEREAS, she was a loving wife to her husband, Isaac Newton Robinson, whom she
22 married on December 16, 1947, a devoted mother to their daughter, Lithangia Veronica

1 Robinson, and a doting grandmother to her two grandchildren, Alfonso Murray and Ave
2 Murray; and

3 WHEREAS, she was a remarkable lady filled with much strength of character and grace, and
4 she will long be remembered in the hearts of the many friends and family members who
5 loved her dearly.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body pay tribute to the life of Lithangia Shannell Robinson, an
8 outstanding citizen of the State of Georgia, and express their sincere condolences to her
9 family for their loss.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Lithangia
12 Shannell Robinson.