

## House Resolution 557

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Mae Bell Leonard Carter; 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 Mrs. Mae Bell Leonard Carter on February 25, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Carter was born on May 29, 1902, and was known for her compassionate  
5 guidance and understanding in the counseling of any friends or neighbors in need; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she was a woman of deep and abiding faith who was an active member of  
7 Friendship Baptist Church, where she sang in the choir and served in the Mother Board, the  
8 Eastern Star, the Finance Committee, and worked as the church's clerk and secretary; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Carter was a proud and shining example of enduring love and affection  
10 and saw her progeny grow and flourish over a span of two descending generations through  
11 the lives of her six children and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and  
12 great-great-grandchildren; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated provided the  
14 foundation and framework of success in which all of her family members have developed  
15 and flourished; and
- 16 WHEREAS, a generous woman, Mrs. Carter enjoyed cooking, gardening, sewing, quilting,  
17 and helping friends and neighbors by preparing meals for them when they were sick or  
18 helping to alleviate their stress by assisting with their daily chores; and
- 19 WHEREAS, she was a community advocate and proud to have voted in every election since  
20 the passage of the federal Voting Rights Act; and

21 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
22 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and, by the example she made of her life,  
23 she made this world a better place in which to live.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of Mrs.  
26 Mae Bell Leonard Carter.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Mae Bell  
29 Leonard Carter.