

House Resolution 195

By: Representatives Brooks of the 63rd, Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Morgan of the 39th, Taylor of the 55th, Williams of the 165th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Sandra Robertson on the occasion of her retirement;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a native of Chicago, Illinois, Reverend Sandra Robertson earned a bachelor's
4 degree from Indiana University and a master of divinity degree from the Interdenominational
5 Theological Center, where she received the Charles B. Copher and G. Murray Branch
6 Award, the Faculty Honor Award, and the Dean's Honor Award; and

7 WHEREAS, since 1979, Reverend Robertson has served as executive director of the Georgia
8 Citizens' Coalition on Hunger, a state-wide network of grassroots community groups
9 committed to the elimination of hunger, homelessness, and poverty in Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, through her work with the Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger, Reverend
11 Robertson founded the Umoja Farmers Market, Thrift Shop, and Organic Garden, a nonprofit
12 business that trains low-income men and women on how to operate and manage a retail store;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Robertson serves as associate minister at Victory United Church of
15 Christ and has served as associate minister at Cathedral of Divine Love United In Christ and
16 community affairs ministry coordinator and associate minister of Christian education at
17 Cathedral of Faith Church of God In Christ; and

18 WHEREAS, she has been honored and recognized with numerous awards, including the
19 Outstanding Community Service Award from the Georgia Association of Black Elected
20 Officials, Black Georgian of the Year in 1983 from the State Committee on the Life and
21 History of Black Georgians, and one of Georgia's 50 Most Influential Black Women by the
22 *Georgia Inquirer*; and

23 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to Willis E. Robertson, Jr., in 1968, and
24 they have been blessed with four remarkable children, Rachel, Jacob, Kis, and Tish, and four
25 wonderful grandchildren; and

26 WHEREAS, a true community organizer and activist minister, Reverend Robertson has
27 transformed oppressed and impoverished communities into environments that sustain and
28 nurture families, create opportunities for prosperity, and prepare citizens for balanced
29 lifestyles that promote harmonious living; and

30 WHEREAS, Reverend Robertson has served with honor and distinction with the Georgia
31 Citizens' Coalition on Hunger, and her vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely
32 missed upon the occasion of her retirement.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend Reverend Sandra Robertson for her efficient, effective,
35 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate her upon the
36 grand occasion of her retirement; and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for
37 continued health and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Sandra Robertson.