

## House Resolution 783

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 44<sup>th</sup>, Taylor of the 55<sup>th</sup>, and Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Yvonne Stokes Banks; 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. Yvonne Stokes Banks on February 21, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Banks was born on September 10, 1948, in Lumber City, Georgia, a  
5 beloved daughter of the late Ardell Lewis and Thad Stokes; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Central High School, Mrs. Banks attended the ITT Institute and  
7 served as a dedicated employee of Lockheed Martin for many years before her retirement;  
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Banks joined St. John Missionary  
10 Baptist Church in Lumber City at an early age, joined Message of Truth Church upon her  
11 relocation to Atlanta, and was a current member of Atlanta's Changing a Generation FGB  
12 Church; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Banks was united in love and marriage to Willie Banks; was blessed with  
14 the support and care of her children, Richard and Tameka, Barbara and Reginald, Sharon and  
15 Christopher, Michael and Indria, Alesia, and Yolanda; and was the proud grandmother of 12  
16 grandchildren; and
- 17 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
18 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
19 her family and friends were admired by others; and
- 20 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
21 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,  
22 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mrs. Banks will long be remembered  
24 for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt,  
25 and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Yvonne Stokes Banks  
28 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Yvonne  
31 Stokes Banks.