

House Resolution 858

By: Representative Abrams of the 84th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Ola Mae Richardson Smith; 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. Ola Mae Richardson Smith; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith was born on May 14, 1915, in Palmetto, Georgia, a beloved
5 daughter of the late Elizabeth McClarin Richardson and Gete C. Richardson; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith graduated from Ashby Street Elementary School and Booker T.
7 Washington High School; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Smith was an active member of St.
9 Paul A.M.E. Church in Atlanta, where she served as secretary to the Women Missionary
10 Society, president of the Lane-Clark Usherette Board for more than 23 years, a Sunday
11 school teacher for many years, and a class leader until her health began to fail; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith was united in love and marriage to Alfonso Smith and was blessed
13 with two remarkable daughters, Gwendolyn Smith Brown and Rosa Smith Mims, seven
14 grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith was a founding member of the High-Point Social and Saving Club,
16 where she served as president for over 60 years, was president of the Just Friends Club for
17 over 20 years, and served as president of the Roosevelt House Tenant Association until 1999;
18 and
- 19 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mrs. Smith served as a member of the Mayor's Council
20 for Mayor Bill Campbell and participated in the Mayor's Walk; and

21 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
22 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
23 her family and friends were admired by others; and

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

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mrs. Smith will long be remembered
28 for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal mother, grandmother, and friend will be
29 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Ola Mae Richardson
32 Smith and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Ola Mae
35 Richardson Smith.