

House Resolution 1699

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Kendrick of the 94th, Dickerson of the 95th, Stephenson of the 92nd, and Dawkins-Haigler of the 93rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Honorable Georgia Montgomery Davis Powers; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Honorable Georgia Montgomery Davis Powers was born on October 19,
4 1923, in Springfield, Kentucky, a beloved daughter of Frances Walker and Ben Gore
5 Montgomery; and

6 WHEREAS, she became the first African American and the first woman to be elected to the
7 Kentucky State Senate; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Powers was a Civil Rights Movement leader in Kentucky and was one
9 of the key organizers of a state-wide rally in March of 1964 in support of a law to make
10 public accommodations accessible to all, regardless of race; and

11 WHEREAS, she was the first African American woman to serve on the Jefferson County
12 Democratic Executive Committee; and

13 WHEREAS, as senator, she chaired the Health and Welfare Committee from 1970 to 1976
14 and the Labor and Industry Committee from 1978 to 1988; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Powers pushed for legislation on public accommodations, open
16 housing, and other issues of concern to people of color, women, children, and the poor; and

17 WHEREAS, she fought for the Equal Rights Amendment resolution, the Displaced
18 Homemaker's Law, and a law to increase the minimum wage in Kentucky; and

19 WHEREAS, The Georgia Powers oral histories and archival papers document the life and
20 career of an important woman; and

21 WHEREAS, she was united in marriage to the late Norman F. Davis and from this union was
22 blessed with one remarkable son, William "Billy" Davis; and

23 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage to James L. Powers; and

24 WHEREAS, this dedicated public servant has diligently and conscientiously devoted
25 numerous hours of her time, talents, and energy to improving the lives of her community;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body express its appreciation to Senator Powers for the great
28 credit she reflects on her community.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend the Honorable Georgia Montgomery Davis Powers for
31 her outstanding public service, recognize her many contributions as a politician and civil
32 rights activist, and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future.

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 Honorable Georgia
35 Montgomery Davis Powers.