

House Resolution 1743

By: Representative Waites of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Henry David Dodson, Jr., and inviting him to be recognized by the House
2 of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Henry David Dodson, Jr., was born on April 6, 1932, in Atlanta, a beloved
4 son of Henry, Sr., and Christine Dodson; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Dodson spent his adolescence working on his grandparents' farm after his
6 father passed when Henry David was only seven years old; and

7 WHEREAS, at the age of 20 he became a photography apprentice in Chattanooga,
8 Tennessee, and went on to open and operate his own photography shop for several years; and

9 WHEREAS, he eventually returned to Atlanta and took a job at the old Fulton County Bag
10 and Cotton Mill until he was inspired to re-open his photography business and expand it into
11 a printing operation as well; and

12 WHEREAS, he conducted a low-budget grassroots campaign for one of the seats as an
13 Alderman of the City of Atlanta in 1967, winning in 1969, and also served as chairman on
14 the Board of Fire Masters during this time; and

15 WHEREAS, he became the first African American to serve on the Fulton County
16 Commission; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Dodson was actively involved in the creation of the Fulton County Police
18 and Fire Department; and

19 WHEREAS, he is blessed with five remarkable children, 11 wonderful grandchildren, and
20 ten adored great-grandchildren; and

21 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Dodson has served as deacon at Ebenezer
22 Baptist Church and was one of the founding members of the Kingdom of God International
23 Ministry in College Park where he currently serves as a trustee to the growing congregation;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, his great wisdom and leadership talents, his remarkable patience and diplomacy,
26 his keen sense of vision, and his unique and effective way of conveying his point have earned
27 him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
29 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend Mr. Henry David Dodson, Jr., for his effective, efficient,
32 and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and invite him to be recognized by the
33 House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House of
34 Representatives.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Henry David Dodson,
37 Jr.