

House Resolution 2184

By: Representative Kaiser of the 59<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Ms. Lillie Mae Parks; 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 Ms. Lillie Mae Parks; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ms. Parks was born on August 23, 1930, in Williamson, Georgia, a beloved  
5 daughter of the late Ruby Jones-Allen and Ernest Parks; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, she received a bachelor's  
7 degree from Clark College in 1973; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Ms. Parks was an educator in the Atlanta Public School System, where she  
9 served with honor and distinction for over 45 years; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Ms. Parks was an active member of Mt.  
11 Zion Second Baptist Church where she served in many capacities, including president and  
12 chief usher of the MLS Ushers Ministry, vice president of the Shepherd's Staff, and as a  
13 member of the Courtesy Quill; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Ms. Parks was united in love and marriage to Thomas, and was blessed with  
15 two remarkable children, Michael B. Goolsby and Thomas Blake Goolsby; three wonderful  
16 grandchildren, Dejuan Snead, Gekelia, Michael II, and Erica Goolsby; and four adored  
17 great-grandchildren, Miracle, Ashton, Kai, and Brittany; and
- 18 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
19 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
20 her family and friends were admired by others; and

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

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Ms. Parks will long be remembered for  
25 her love of family and friendship, and this loyal daughter, wife, mother, grandmother,  
26 great-grandmother, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing  
27 her.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Ms. Lillie Mae Parks and  
30 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ms. Lillie Mae  
33 Parks.