

House Resolution 17

By: Representative Harden of the 148th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Ms. Gussie Louise Person and celebrating the occasion of her 100th birthday;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Gussie Louise Person was born on August 14, 1912, in Monticello,
4 Georgia, beloved daughter of Rev. Andrew Ellum Person and Mrs. Francis Louella
5 Simmons Person; and

6 WHEREAS, she graduated from Magnolia High School with 3rd honors in her class, then
7 attended Savannah State College until her mother suffered a stroke, moving to Hancock
8 County and attending the Hancock College Division; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Person, a loving disciple of God, has served in numerous capacities in the
10 African Methodist Episcopal Church, including Church Mother, President of Mission,
11 Stewardess, Church Secretary, Church Treasurer, and Choir President; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Person worked as an elementary school teacher from 1924 to 1978, an
13 astounding 54 years, before she retired, and she was voted as Teacher of the Year in 1964,
14 served as a delegate to the State Teacher's Meeting in Atlanta twice, served as a district
15 teacher delegate in Albany, Georgia, during the 1930s, and was chosen by the local school
16 board to travel to American Samoa; and

17 WHEREAS, she is an outgoing, sweet woman of integrity, kindness, and great love for her
18 community, church, students, and friends; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
20 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for her innumerable good works rendered
21 on behalf of persons in need and during her life.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body recognize Ms. Gussie Louise Person for her many years of service
24 to the African Methodist Episcopal Church as a beloved educator, humanitarian, and
25 missionary, commend her on the occasion of her 100th birthday, and wish her many more
26 years of happiness.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Gussie Louise Person.