

House Resolution 101

By: Representatives Brooks of the 55th, Bruce of the 61st, Kaiser of the 59th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Jones of the 53rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Lillian Miles Lewis; 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. Lillian Miles Lewis on December 31, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lewis was born on March 3, 1939, in Los Angeles, California, a beloved
5 daughter of Mr. Harry W. and Mrs. Mamie Miles; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding reverence for the Lord, as a child she attended
7 Calvary Baptist Church with her loving sisters Harriet and Deborah; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lewis was united in love and marriage to U.S. Representative John Robert
9 Lewis, who credits her with being the proverbial power behind his political career, and they
10 were blessed with one remarkable son, John Miles; and
- 11 WHEREAS, together they raised thousands of dollars for scholarships to advance education
12 opportunity and academic excellence; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lewis gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep
14 concern for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she
15 demonstrated to her family and friends were admired by others; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
17 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community, state, and nation as evidenced
18 dramatically by her leadership in many Congressional Black Caucus Spouses initiatives, her
19 service as both Associate Director of the Institute for International Affairs and Development
20 and as Director of External Affairs in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at
21 Clark Atlanta University; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lewis's personal style was as unique as she was, and she favored the very
23 latest bold fashions, incorporating bright tropical hues and patterns into her wardrobe; and

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

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate, gracious woman with a zest for life, Mrs. Lewis will long be
28 remembered for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal sister, wife, mother, and
29 friend will be missed by all who had the great pleasure 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. Lillian Miles Lewis
32 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House is authorized and directed to
34 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Lillian Miles Lewis.