

House Resolution 461

By: Representatives Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Bennett of the 94th, Stephenson of the 90th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Brooks of the 55th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commending Reverend Doctor Teresa L. Fry Brown on her outstanding
2 achievements; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Doctor Teresa L. Fry Brown, affectionately known as Dr. T, has
4 shown the relentless pursuit of passion and purpose given to her through her service as the
5 first female historiographer and executive director of the Department of Research and
6 Scholarship of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; and

7 WHEREAS, she has accomplished many firsts in her professional and ministry career,
8 including being the first African American woman to attain the rank of full professor at
9 Candler School of Theology; and

10 WHEREAS, she is an honoree of the 2013 Tribute to Mrs. Jarena Lee, the first female
11 preacher in the A.M.E. church, hosted by Saint Paul A.M.E church in Atlanta, Georgia,
12 where the Reverend Dr. Thomas L. Bess, Sr., is pastor and the Reverend Hope S. Sutton,
13 Reverend L.B. Sutton, and Reverend Libya BaaQar serve as visionaries and coordinators for
14 the Women in Ministry Celebration; and she will be declared a Daughter of Mrs. Jarena Lee;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, she has studied to show herself approved unto God and has, in the spirit of Mrs.
17 Jarena Lee, written books, articles, and sermons for the Kingdom of God; and

18 WHEREAS, she carries the wind and the fire for this generation and for those to come, and
19 it is abundantly fitting and proper that she be appropriately recognized.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body join in honoring and commending Reverend Doctor Teresa L. Fry
22 Brown for her accomplishments in the local church as an associate pastor, for her educational

23 leadership as a professor and mentor, and for her commitment to the calling as a woman with
24 a sometimes weary throat yet always presenting with a new song.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Doctor Teresa L.
27 Fry Brown.