

House Resolution 716

By: Representatives Brooks of the 55th, Williams of the 168th, Howard of the 124th, Mayo of the 84th, Smith of the 125th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and recognizing Dorothy Grant Owens on her 85th birthday; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dorothy Grant Owens celebrated her 85th birthday on December 25, 2012; and

4 WHEREAS, the only surviving child of the late Mr. William Grant and Mrs. Lillie Ora
5 Dennis Grant, she was born on Sunday, December 25, 1927; and

6 WHEREAS, Dorothy Owens was married to the late Talmadge Owens, Sr., and is the mother
7 of Madge Doreen Owens, an administrative assistant for the Georgia House of
8 Representatives; and

9 WHEREAS, raised in Atlanta, Georgia, she attended W. H. Crogman Elementary School and
10 Booker T. Washington High School in the Atlanta Public Schools; and

11 WHEREAS, she graduated from Clark College (now Clark Atlanta University) in 1950, with
12 a bachelor's degree in business administration; after graduation she taught for two years in
13 Dawson, Georgia, and later continued her career with the Atlanta Public School System at
14 Alonzo F. Herndon Elementary, Emma C. Clement Elementary, and Frank L. Stanton
15 Elementary; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Owens retired from APS in 1987, after 34 years of outstanding service,
17 and later worked as an assistant at Saint Anthony Catholic School; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Owens was appointed by State Representative Tyrone Brooks, President
19 of the Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials, to serve as an assistant doorkeeper for
20 the Georgia House of Representatives in the Georgia General Assembly, and served from
21 1993 to 2005; she made many friends and enjoyed her days at the Georgia State Capitol,
22 serving at her post in the House Gallery; and

23 WHEREAS, during CAU May Weekend 2000, Mrs. Owens, a Golden Legacy honoree,
24 received her 50th anniversary diploma during the celebration of her golden class reunion; and

25 WHEREAS, through the years, Mrs. Owens was an active member of Central United
26 Methodist Church, where she served as member of the Senior Usher Board, an A Capella
27 Choir member, and a cast member of the Central Connection Players; she participated in
28 three productions as a featured member of the ensemble of talented actors, which included
29 two productions of *Don't You Want to be Free*, by Langston Hughes and *Mammas Don't*
30 *Pray No Mo*, by Martha Hurse; and

31 WHEREAS, she has dedicated her life to the education and mentoring of youth; her hobbies
32 have included reading, bridge club, crossword puzzles, gardening, piano, singing, and
33 dancing; and it is abundantly fitting that the outstanding life of such a remarkable woman be
34 recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body honor and recognize Dorothy Grant Owens on her 85th birthday
37 and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dorothy Grant Owens.