

House Resolution 837

By: Representatives Bennett of the 94th, Morgan of the 39th, Hugley of the 136th, Abrams of the 89th, Anderson of the 92nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Ms. Ruby Yvette Simpson; 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. Ruby Yvette Simpson on March 8, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she was born on August 13, 1943, in Lake City, Florida, a beloved daughter of
5 Elijah Simpson and Dorothy Taylor Simpson; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Ms. Simpson attended Ohio State University, where in 1963 she joined and
7 became an active member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Theta Chapter;
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, upon relocation to Atlanta, she joined Kappa Omega Chapter and later became
10 a charter member of Nu Lambda Omega Chapter; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in February, 2013, she was filled with pride and joy upon being celebrated as
12 a Golden Soror for her 50 years of membership in the sorority; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in Atlanta, Ms. Simpson worked as an educator at Roosevelt High School,
14 Northside High School, and Inman Middle School, and in 2000, she retired after 30 years in
15 the Atlanta Public School System; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she took great pride in serving on the Board of Directors of the former
17 Northside High School of Performing Arts; and
- 18 WHEREAS, her love of teaching inspired her to reenter the profession in the DeKalb County
19 School System, where she taught for another ten years; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Simpson was especially proud of spending a summer in Germany as a
21 Fulbright Fellow, where she was able to immerse herself in the culture, history, and language
22 of the country; and

23 WHEREAS, she was a woman whose love for teaching and instructional skills were
24 incomparable, and by the example she made of her life, she made this world a better place
25 in which to live; and

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Ms. Simpson will long be remembered
27 for her love of family, friendship, and sisterhood, and this loyal daughter, friend, and sister
28 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

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

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Representative Karen
34 Bennett, Cynthia Parks, the president of Nu Lambda Omega Chapter, and the family of Ms.
35 Ruby Yvette Simpson.