

House Resolution 990

By: Representatives Drenner of the 85th and Henson of the 86th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Julia Aaron Humbles for her role in the Civil Rights
2 Movement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Julia Aaron Humbles was born on April 9, 1943, in New Orleans,
4 Louisiana, the beloved daughter of Reverend James and Florence Arceneaux Aaron; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Humbles witnessed racial segregation and was moved to take nonviolent
6 action in opposition to that segregation, becoming one of the original Freedom Riders in
7 1961; and

8 WHEREAS, she was the first female to be arrested on May 24, 1961, during the group's
9 history-making rides in Jackson, Mississippi, and was sentenced to 90 days in jail; and

10 WHEREAS, she continued to be active in the Civil Rights Movement, participating in
11 boycotts and in voter registration drives in New Orleans, Louisiana, and in Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Humbles was arrested over 30 times for her participation in sit-ins,
13 boycotts, demonstrations, and voter registration campaigns; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Humbles continues to share her story and the history of the Freedom Rides
15 today so that we may avoid making the mistakes of our past, and it is abundantly fitting and
16 proper that this remarkable individual be appropriately recognized.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize and commend Mrs. Julia Aaron Humbles for her role in
19 the Civil Rights Movement.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Julia Aaron Humbles.