

House Resolution 1194

By: Representatives Brooks of the 55th and Thomas of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Portia A. Scott; 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 Portia A. Scott on October 2, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Portia A. Scott worked at the *Atlanta Daily World*, a newspaper founded by her
5 uncle in 1928, for more than 40 years; and
- 6 WHEREAS, as managing editor of the *Atlanta Daily World*, Portia A. Scott was proud to
7 continue a tradition started in 1928 by her uncle, W.A. Scott II, and later taken up by her
8 father, C.A. Scott, starting as a writer for the paper as a teen and making it her career after
9 graduating from college; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Born in Atlanta, Scott graduated from Booker T. Washington High School,
11 graduated from Howard University with a degree in journalism, and earned her master's
12 degree from American University; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Portia A. Scott not only worked at the family newspaper, she also taught and
14 became active in politics starting in 1986, when she ran as the Republican nominee for
15 Congress and in 1998 for the state Senate; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she understood through the *Atlanta Daily World* that the African American
17 community was a big, broad, diverse community, and through her work, she vowed to direct
18 her focus to ensuring that the African American community was well represented in a variety
19 of ways; and
- 20 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
21 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
22 her family and friends were admired by others; and

23 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
24 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,
25 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Portia A. Scott will long be remembered
27 for her love of family and friendship, and she will be missed by all who had the great fortune
28 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 Portia A. Scott and express
31 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 the family of Portia A.
34 Scott.