

House Resolution 1502

By: Representatives Smith of the 125th, Dukes of the 154th, Epps of the 132nd, Smyre of the 135th, Dickerson of the 113th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Dosh Jackson on his 103rd birthday and inviting him to appear before the House
2 of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dosh Jackson was born on February 22, 1911, in Macon, Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1923, Dosh made his first radio at the age of 14; it was a crystal radio made
5 from a Quaker Oats box; and

6 WHEREAS, while attending Ballard Normal School, he played in the orchestra and sang in
7 the Glee Club; he bought a used violin for \$25.00 so he could play in the orchestra; and

8 WHEREAS, Dosh recently had the original violin, which is more than 150 years old,
9 refinished; and

10 WHEREAS, in the summer of 1933, he met the pastor of Steward Chapel AME Church, Rev.
11 Fletcher Fountain, and was introduced to Morris Brown College President, W. A. Fountain;
12 Mr. Fountain asked him why he was not in college, and when Dosh told him he could not
13 afford to go, Mr. Fountain offered him a scholarship to attend Morris Brown College; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1934, Bishop Edgar Love, one of the four founders of Omega Psi Phi
15 Fraternity, attended a Methodist conference in Atlanta, and Bishop Fountain assigned Dosh
16 to chauffeur Rev. Love around during the week he was in town; there were many
17 conversations, especially about the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and since Morris Brown did
18 not have a chapter on campus, Dosh inquired as to how he could become a member; and

19 WHEREAS, with the help of J. B. Bayton, a business professor at Morehouse, Dosh later
20 asked Brother Love about pledging at Morehouse's Psi Chapter; Brother Love gave the
21 approval, so Dosh pledged Omega in the spring of 1934; and

22 WHEREAS, Brother Love was again contacted to inquire about starting an Omega Chapter
23 on Morris Brown's campus, and approval was granted by the Omega Psi Phi Supreme
24 Council to organize the Alpha Sigma Chapter in May, 1935; and

25 WHEREAS, Dosh graduated from Morris Brown in 1937, and he applied for a job at the
26 United States Postal Service, hoping to help break the color barrier; he was hired as a clerk
27 in the Atlanta Post Office and worked with the post office for 35 years, eventually becoming
28 supervisor of the Accountable Paper Division and then supervisor in the Postal Data Center;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, in the summer of 1938, he met a pretty girl, Juliette Lindsay, from
31 Montgomery, Alabama, and it was love at first sight; they married on Christmas Day, 1938,
32 and have four beautiful children, Dosh, Jr., Richard, Michael, and Marguerite; Dosh and
33 Juliette were married for 75 years until her passing; and

34 WHEREAS, when televisions were introduced, Dosh started repairing radios and record
35 players and developed a successful television repair business, Jackson Electronics, which
36 expanded into the installation of sound systems; in 2003 at the young age of 92, Dosh retired
37 from his electronics business after 30 years of providing quality repair services; and

38 WHEREAS, Dosh and his wife, Juliette, joined the First Congregational Church in 1939; he
39 was ordained as a Deacon and served for 25 years, and he has remained as Deacon Emeritus
40 since his retirement; and

41 WHEREAS, God has blessed him to reach 103 years of age in reasonably good health; he
42 is able to do moderate exercises, communicate with friends on Facebook and email, and
43 attend Omega Psi Phi Fraternity meetings; he likes to shop, cook, and repair things around
44 the house and enjoys spending time with his children and six grandchildren; his favorite
45 pastime is listening to jazz on his iPad every evening; God has really been good to him; and

46 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
47 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately honored.

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
49 the members of this body honor Dosh Jackson on his 103rd birthday for his lifetime of
50 achievements and invite him to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and
51 time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
53 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dosh Jackson.