

House Resolution 1583

By: Representatives Williams of the 168th and Stephens of the 164th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Lola Dixon; 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 Mrs. Lola Dixon on March 18, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Dixon was born on January 10, 1917, in Long County, Georgia, to Julius
5 and Martha Perry and was raised in Liberty County, Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, upon completing her education at Dorchester Academy in Midway, Georgia,
7 Mrs. Dixon graduated as salutatorian of the 1961 graduating class at the Gillespie School of
8 Nursing in Marietta, Georgia; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1961, Mrs. Dixon also became the first African American member of the
10 nursing staff at Liberty Memorial Hospital in Hinesville, Georgia; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Dixon was selfless with her time, serving on the Liberty County Board of
12 Health as well as an active member of the Cosmopolitan Club, Inc., and the Limerick
13 Chapter #336 of the Order of the Eastern Star; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Dixon received numerous awards, including the Trailblazer Award
15 presented by the Liberty County Martin Luther King, Jr., Observance Committee in honor
16 of her service to nursing and for her leadership in the Liberty County community; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Dixon was an active member of St.
18 Peter's A.M.E. Church in Midway, Georgia, where she served as a stewardess and president
19 of the Usher Board; and

20 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to the late Willie Dixon, and was blessed
21 with five remarkable children, Clara Belle Dixon Beamon, Perry W. Haynes, Willa Dixon
22 Lewis, Sonia Malissa Bacon, and Lawrence H. Dixon, and seven wonderful grandchildren,
23 Donna M. Walker, Sydni A. Bacon, Ariana N. Dixon, Gary Haynes, Leon Haynes, Doyle
24 Haynes, and Garvari Dixon Lewis; and

25 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
26 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
27 her family and friends were admired by others; and

28 WHEREAS, Mrs. Dixon was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable
29 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made
30 of her life, she made this world a better place in which to live.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Lola Dixon and
33 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Lola
36 Dixon.