

## House Resolution 722

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Brooks of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Anderson of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, and Douglas of the 78<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Reverend Marie Lomax Douglas; 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 Reverend Marie Lomax Douglas on August 5, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Marie was born on March 22, 1921, in Hinds County, Mississippi, a beloved  
5 daughter of Cooper and Pearletta Williams McPherson; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she was raised by her maternal grandparents, Lockett (Papa) and Fannie Mae  
7 Williams, after her mother's death and was baptized at an early age at Cherry Grove Church  
8 in Edwards, Mississippi; and
- 9 WHEREAS, as a young lady, she worked as a field laborer and graduated to cooking and  
10 babysitting for farm owners where they sharecropped; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she worked for the State of Ohio in Cleveland as a caregiver, visiting two  
12 homes a day and cooking, cleaning, and using her God-given gifts of healing and ministering  
13 the Word of God wherever she went; and
- 14 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Marie received her license to preach in  
15 1976 and was an active member of Calvary Church; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Marie was united in love and marriage to Charlie Douglas, Sr., and was blessed  
17 with four remarkable children, Charlie Douglas, Jr., Betty Jean Kates, Elizabeth Howse, and  
18 Brad Douglas; 11 wonderful grandchildren, Demetrius, Ronald, Charles, Michael, Brad,  
19 Ramon, Rhonda, LeKeisha, Franchesca, Tiffany, and Shaunta; and seven beloved  
20 great-grandchildren; and

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

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Reverend Marie Lomax Douglas will  
25 long be remembered for her love of family and friendship, and will be missed by all who had  
26 the great fortune of knowing her.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Reverend Marie Lomax  
29 Douglas and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
32 family of Reverend Marie Lomax Douglas.