

## House Resolution 1587

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup> and Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Althea Milton; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of a true servant of God, who was carried  
3 by the angels to her mansion in glory, on January 21, 2016; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Althea Starks, affectionately known as Ethel and Honey, was born to Lacy  
5 Starks, Sr., and Matilda Branscumb on November 28, 1930, in Perry County, Alabama; she  
6 was raised by her grandparents in Birmingham, Alabama, where she graduated from Parker  
7 High School; and
- 8 WHEREAS, after marrying the love of her life, Robert Milton, Sr., they moved to Dayton,  
9 Ohio, and joined Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, where she was a faithful member of the Order  
10 of Eastern Stars and known for her willingness to serve in many capacities, including the  
11 building fund, the hospitality committee, and as pastor's aide; and
- 12 WHEREAS, after her husband's retirement, they relocated to Uniontown, Alabama, where  
13 she became a member of New Aimwell Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor  
14 Lacornia Harris; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Milton possessed many talents, including tending to the sick, feeding  
16 everyone, and cooking, as she was known for her sweet potato pies and barbecued ribs; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Milton loved music and enjoyed recording with her daughter, Stellar  
18 Award Winner gospel artist, Dottie Peoples, on the *God Can* CD, where Mrs. Milton sang  
19 "Oh What a Time We Had Praising God"; and
- 20 WHEREAS, keeping a sense of humor, she would say "I'm a recording artist now where is  
21 my royalties"; and

22 WHEREAS, after becoming ill, she relocated to Georgia, and wanting to be covered in  
23 Christ, joined Divine Faith Ministries International in Clayton County under the leadership  
24 of Bishop Donald Battle; and

25 WHEREAS, Mrs. Milton was united in love and marriage to Robert Milton, Sr., and was  
26 blessed with ten remarkable children, Dottie, Juanita, Willie, Robert, Valerie, Sheila,  
27 Alethea, Teresa, Lacy, and Matilda, and a host of wonderful grandchildren,  
28 great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body honor Mrs. Althea Milton for her life of steadfast commitment and  
31 dedicated service to her community and express their deepest and most sincere condolences  
32 over her passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
35 family of Mrs. Althea Milton.