

House Resolution 1688

By: Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Pezold of the 133rd, and Buckner of the 137th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Mrs. Artelure Smith Gamble; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, this year, Mrs. Artelure Smith Gamble of Forrest City, Arkansas, enjoys the rare
3 distinction of celebrating her 95th birthday; and

4 WHEREAS, after meeting her husband, Elporter, in her junior year of high school, he began
5 military service and she began her schooling in 1941 at the former Agricultural, Mechanical
6 and Normal College in Pine Bluff, where she earned a bachelor's degree in home economics
7 in only three years; and

8 WHEREAS, after college, Mrs. Gamble began her esteemed 44-year career as an educator,
9 first as an elementary school teacher in Palestine, Arkansas, and later as a home economics
10 teacher in Wilson, Arkansas, and she worked in the Wilson School District for many years
11 before returning home to work at the Diocese of Arkansas the Episcopal Church at Christ
12 Church School where she worked for 11 years; and

13 WHEREAS, she attended school at the University of Arkansas, OBU, Philander Smith
14 College, and Eastern Arkansas Community College and went on to teach at Madison Butler
15 Elementary School in Derossett, where she remained until her retirement in 1986; and

16 WHEREAS, she married Mr. Elporter Gamble on February 15, 1947, and has the distinct joy
17 of being a mother; and

18 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Gamble has been a member of the
19 Salem Missionary Baptist Church for more than three decades, where she taught Sunday
20 school for 31 years and served many other integral roles, including Deaconess, Circle
21 Chairperson, Financial Secretary, BTU Instructress, and Supervisor of Young People; and

22 WHEREAS, she is a member of Semper Fidelis Club and a former member of the Eastern
23 Star, and she ran a neighborhood grocery store in Arkansas; and

24 WHEREAS, by the example Mrs. Gamble has made of her life, she makes this world a
25 better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be appropriately
26 recognized during this very special and memorable time of her life.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend Mrs. Artelure Smith Gamble for her unselfish, dedicated,
29 and loving service to the members of her family and the citizens of her community and state;
30 congratulate her on the remarkable occasion of her 95th birthday; and extend their most
31 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mrs.
34 Artelure Smith Gamble.