

House Resolution 1783

By: Representative Kaiser of the 59th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mattie King Ansley Jackson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mattie King Ansley Jackson is one of Atlanta's most prolific and outspoken
3 community leaders who is known to her multi-generational flock of children and Summerhill
4 neighbors as Big Momma; and

5 WHEREAS, she was born in Jackson, Georgia, on February 20, 1922, to Albert and Teresa
6 Sims-King, the fourth of five children; and

7 WHEREAS, she married James Ansley, who was a devoted husband and father to their eight
8 children, the late Ethel Mae, Josephine, Barbara, Patricia (Sugar Momma), Willie James
9 (Butter Ball), Cheryl, Teresa, and Rick; however, the early death of Mr. Ansley left Ms.
10 Jackson a widow in her thirties and she later married the late Edward Jackson; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Jackson was motivated to become a part of community solutions, attend
12 meetings, and voice what she felt was best for the neighborhood as the Model Cities'
13 planning began, and soon thereafter, she met Mr. John H. Calhoun, whose skills in city
14 planning for Atlanta helped her to become aware of the practice and art of community
15 organizing; and

16 WHEREAS, in the early 1990s, Ms. Jackson aligned herself with the Fulton Atlanta
17 Community Action Authority or FACAA, the successor to Economic Opportunity Atlanta,
18 participated in Mayor Maynard H. Jackson's Atlanta Summit Against Poverty, and served
19 on the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games; and

20 WHEREAS, as a member of the FACAA Board of Directors since 1992, Ms. Jackson
21 ensured that the needs of all poor people in Atlanta were respected, addressed, and defended
22 during economic downturns and despite political opposition; and

23 WHEREAS, as a participant in Atlanta's Civil Rights Movement, she was an advocate for
24 public housing, ex-offenders, addicts, and others who were simply down and out; and

25 WHEREAS, Mattie King Ansley Jackson celebrated 94 years of living a fruitful and
26 wonderfully blessed life on February 20, 2016, and it is entirely fitting and proper that she
27 be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Mattie King Ansley Jackson and extend
30 their most sincere best wishes for her continued health and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
33 Mattie King Ansley Jackson.