

House Resolution 1828

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56th and Thomas of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and honoring Ms. Nobantu AnKoanda; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, born in Oakland, California, Ms. Nobantu AnKoanda grew up in San Francisco;
3 she attended the University of California Berkeley where she studied social work and joined
4 the Black Power movement; and
- 5 WHEREAS, traveling to Ghana in 1969 as the youngest of 175 Afrikan American educators,
6 she became certified in Afrikan Culture and History at the University of Accra; and
- 7 WHEREAS, upon retirement in 1983 from teaching at East Palo Alto public schools, Ms.
8 AnKoanda founded and co-founded several independent Afrikan centered schools, most
9 notably Shule Mandela Academy, and was a member of the Council of Independent Black
10 Institutions and a CIBI Northern California Convener for several years; and
- 11 WHEREAS, upon attending the State of the Black Race in Los Angeles, she co-founded a
12 Rites of Passage Group called the Sisters of Tomorrow in 1984, and in an attempt to raise
13 money for the Shule Mandela Academy, she started the Collard Greens Cultural Festival in
14 1998 which continues to this day in East Palo Alto and since 2010, in Georgia; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in 2001, she attended the World Conference on Racism in Durban, South
16 Africa; and
- 17 WHEREAS, upon moving to Georgia in 2006, Ms. AnKoanda continued being involved in
18 community activism; she is the co-chair of the Metro-Atlanta Council of Elders Support
19 Team, member of the Afrikan Community Centers and Us Lifting Us, co-founder of the
20 Sustainable Afrikan Communities, elder member of the Atlanta chapter of Sisters of
21 Tomorrow, member of the Atlanta N'COBRA chapter, at-large board member of N'COBRA,
22 Elder Advisory Board of Nsoromma School, member of the Board of Directors of

23 Neighborly Needs of Georgia, and administrator consultant with Kilombo Academic and
24 Cultural Institute in Decatur, Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, she recently joined efforts to build an international center of dialogue in Atlanta
26 between Afrikan American women and Afrikan women on the continent; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
28 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize and honor Ms. Nobantu AnKoanda for her dedicated
31 public service to her community and the State of Georgia.

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 Ms.
34 Nobantu AnKoanda.