

House Resolution 256

By: Representative Stovall of the 74th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mother Annie Pearl Dodson-Gresham; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Mother Annie Pearl Dodson-Gresham on July 29, 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, Mother Annie Pearl Dodson-Gresham was born on June 23, 1935, in
6 Ellenwood, Georgia, a beloved daughter of Willie and Mary Dodson; and

7 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mother Gresham was an active member of
8 West Hunter Street Baptist Church, Word of Faith Family Worship Cathedral, and Zion Hill
9 Missionary Baptist Church; and

10 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, Ernest, and was blessed
11 with five remarkable children, Ernest, Ronny, Jamel, Sophia, and Sandra; and five wonderful
12 grandchildren, Ronchezz, Jasmine, Joshua, Quintin, and Justin; and

13 WHEREAS, Mother Gresham was committed to loving and serving others and she dedicated
14 much of her time to aiding her daughter, Sandra, with Arms of Love Enterprises, a charity
15 that has fed over 500,000 families in Georgia, and caring for ill or distressed relatives and
16 neighbors; and

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

20 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
21 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,
22 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mother Gresham will long be
24 remembered for her love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great
25 fortune of knowing her.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mother Annie Pearl
28 Dodson-Gresham and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 family of Mother Annie Pearl Dodson-Gresham.