

House Resolution 308

By: Representatives Jones of the 53rd, Scott of the 76th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, and Gilligan of the 24th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Wilhemenia Coffee for her outstanding service with the American armed forces and recognizing February 21, 2017, as Female Veteran's Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on the brave and dedicated military heroes who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom; and
- 6 WHEREAS, after college, Wilhemenia joined the military and began her career helping soldiers with their journey, as an Equal Opportunity NCO and she concentrated in assisting women with claims of sexual harassment and military sexual trauma; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Wilhemenia's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced dramatically by her superlative service with the organization, Black Veterans Helping Veterans; and
- 17 WHEREAS, she is blessed with three remarkable children and eight wonderful grandchildren; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the selfless and heroic actions of Wilhemenia Coffee stand as a shining tribute to the strength of human spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend Wilhemenia Coffee for her service to the United States
25 armed forces, who risk their lives in the defense of freedom and to secure the blessings of
26 liberty for this nation, and recognize February 21, 2017, as Female Veteran's Day at the state
27 capitol.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
30 Wilhemenia Coffee.