

House Resolution 553

By: Representatives Williams of the 119th, Kelley of the 16th, and Powell of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Docia Thomas Strickland; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Docia Thomas Strickland was born on April 10, 1927, in the Red Hill
3 community of Franklin County, Georgia, and this year she enjoys the rare distinction of
4 celebrating her 90th birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding she has demonstrated have provided
6 the foundation of success from which her family members have developed and flourished for
7 three generations as evidenced by her four wonderful children, five outstanding
8 grandchildren, and four exceptional great-grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, she has been an active member of Royston
10 Baptist Church for 70 years where she served as a Sunday school teacher and for many years
11 on the house and grounds committee; and

12 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high
13 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens; and

14 WHEREAS, Docia possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through experience and the
15 strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

16 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
17 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

18 WHEREAS, a kind and generous person, Docia brings joy and happiness to her family and
19 to the many friends and neighbors who have the great pleasure of knowing her; and

20 WHEREAS, she has witnessed a dramatic change in the world over the course of her lifetime
21 and we salute her contribution to its progress by her own hard work and good citizenship;
22 and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend Docia Thomas Strickland for her unselfish, dedicated,
28 and loving service to the members of her family and community; congratulate her on the
29 remarkable occasion of her 90th birthday; and extend their most sincere best wishes for
30 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 Docia
33 Thomas Strickland.