

## House Resolution 984

By: Representatives Dreyer of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Lopez of the 99<sup>th</sup>, Schofield of the 60<sup>th</sup>, McClain of the 100<sup>th</sup>, and Cannon of the 58<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring Dorothy Bolden for her work to improve the lives of communities  
2 of color and domestic workers in Georgia and across the United States of America; and for  
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Dorothy Bolden became an activist for civil rights in Atlanta in the 1940s, and  
5 continued to be involved in the civil rights movement until her death in 2005; and

6 WHEREAS, she became a domestic worker at age nine; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1968, with the encouragement of her neighbor, Martin Luther King, Jr., she  
8 founded the National Domestic Workers Union (NDWU) in Atlanta; and

9 WHEREAS, the NDWU eventually represented more than 30,000 domestic workers in ten  
10 cities, and was the longest surviving union of domestic workers in United States cities; and

11 WHEREAS, in April 1972, then-Governor Jimmy Carter declared Maids' Honor Day as an  
12 official holiday in the State of Georgia in collaboration with Dorothy Bolden and the  
13 NDWU; and

14 WHEREAS, Bolden was an advisor to Presidents Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, and Jimmy  
15 Carter; and

16 WHEREAS, President Nixon appointed her to an advisory committee on welfare and social  
17 services; and

18 WHEREAS, she used her influence to ensure the participation of communities of color in the  
19 planning for the first referendum to fund the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority  
20 (MARTA), and subsequently supported its passage; and

21 WHEREAS, she registered thousands of Georgians to vote; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
23 extraordinary citizen be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body recognize and honor Dorothy Bolden's many outstanding  
26 contributions on behalf of the citizens of Georgia and of the United States and her legacy of  
27 civil rights achievements.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
30 public and the press.