

House Resolution 1406

By: Representatives Dukes of the 154th, Bentley of the 139th, and Smyre of the 135th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and honoring Mrs. Bertha Louise Lester on the occasion of her 100th
2 birthday; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bertha Louise Lester was born on March 10, 1918, the third child out of
4 12 to Eugene and Mary Lizzie Lester of Byromville, Georgia, in Dooly County which is
5 known for being the crossing point for the Atlanta and Birmingham Railroads; and

6 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Lester is an active member of Byrom
7 Chapel CME Methodist Church where she served as a secretary for many years; and

8 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her late husband, Army, and has been
9 blessed with nine remarkable children, Mary, Dorothy, Calvin, Lucy, Johnnie, Patricia,
10 Pamela, Virlin, and Army; 14 wonderful grandchildren; and 13 outstanding
11 great-grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman worked as a field hand, maid, and factory
13 worker and retired as a certified nurses assistant; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lester is well known for her outstanding biscuits, beautiful flowers, and
15 life-like nativity scenes; and

16 WHEREAS, the matriarch of her loving family, Mrs. Lester has supported her children in
17 their educational endeavors which led to 16 college degrees; and

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

20 WHEREAS, she possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through experience and the
21 strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lester has witnessed a dramatic change in the world over the course of her
23 lifetime, and we salute her contribution to its progress through her own hard work and good
24 citizenship; and

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body congratulate and honor Mrs. Bertha Louise Lester on the
30 remarkable occasion of her 100th birthday and extend their most sincere best wishes for
31 continued health and happiness.

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 Mrs.
34 Bertha Louise Lester.