

## House Resolution 1650

By: Representatives Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup> and Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Peggy Banks Myles; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Peggy Banks Myles has demonstrated her commitment to  
3 teaching the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,  
4 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Dr. Myles has spent a lifetime answering God's call to be His messenger to do  
6 His will as pastor of Ship of Zion Ministries International, Inc., as a community activist who  
7 speaks out against injustice and unfair treatment, and as a nurse; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she has been speaking out against discrimination from an early age, protesting  
9 the Confederate symbols of Columbus State University in 1970 and the discriminatory  
10 treatment of African American police officers by the City of Columbus Police Department  
11 in 1971; and
- 12 WHEREAS, after founding the Columbus Metro Black Nurses Association in 1981 and  
13 being named the first African American patient care coordinator at Columbus Hospice in  
14 1995, she founded and is CEO of PBM Nurse Tutoring Service, preparing certified nursing  
15 assistants, licensed practical nurses, and registered nurses for their certification and state  
16 board examinations; and
- 17 WHEREAS, this shining example of God's righteous path also volunteers for several  
18 organizations in her community, including Valley Rescue Mission and Habitat for Humanity,  
19 and for the past 22 years, she has been a volunteer minister in the city jail for both male and  
20 female inmates, as well as serving as spiritual adviser for Shedding Our Secrets, an  
21 organization that supports victims and survivors of incest; and

22 WHEREAS, her vision and direction have uplifted the entire community of Columbus,  
23 Georgia, which recognized her contributions by proclaiming a day in her honor in 2010 for  
24 being a strong and dedicated leader, minister, and role model for young and old alike; and

25 WHEREAS, in 2016, Reverend Dr. Peggy Banks Myles was bestowed the great honor of  
26 being named a Rosa Parks Woman of Courage by the Gamma Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha  
27 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Women in Civic Engagement and Activism Award; and

28 WHEREAS, whatever the task, Dr. Myles has shown the energy, devotion, and commitment  
29 truly reflective of divine guidance; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding accomplishments  
31 of the dynamic Christian ministry of this devout and pious woman.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Dr. Peggy Banks Myles for her  
34 superior servant leadership and extend best wishes for many more years of successful  
35 fellowship and leadership.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
38 Reverend Dr. Peggy Banks Myles.