

House Resolution 210

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Hugley of the 136th, and Buckner of the 137th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Gloria Johnson-Rodgers; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Gloria Johnson-Rodgers was born in Shaw, Mississippi, and earned a
3 Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry biology from Tougaloo College; she later earned a
4 medical science degree in radiation biology from the University of Iowa and a healthy
5 science biology degree from Harvard University; and

6 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Dr. Johnson-Rodgers received her
7 evangelist license over 35 years ago and has served as a Sunday school teacher, church
8 secretary, Bible band teacher, YWCC chairperson, and counselor for churches of various
9 denominations; she has served as a district missionary chairperson for over ten years and as
10 the chairperson of the scholarship and finance committees; and

11 WHEREAS, she gives inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
12 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
13 her family and friends are admired by others; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2000, Dr. Johnson-Rodgers was appointed as the supervisor for Nigeria,
15 West Africa, and she chaired the International Examining Board for the Department of
16 Women Church of God in Christ; and

17 WHEREAS, she is the recipient of many prestigious awards, including the Columbus
18 Regional Healthcare Award for Emergency Medicine in 1991; the American Business
19 Women Association Community Service Award in 1992; the Bola IMMACULATE
20 Humanitarian Award of Excellence, Nigeria, West Africa, in 2001; and the Sojourner Truth
21 Award in 2003, which is the highest award given by the National Association of Negro
22 Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc.; and

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Dr. Johnson-Rodgers has served in
24 numerous community and medical positions with organizations such as the Transient
25 Homeless Shelter for Women & Children, DFCS, United Way, Valley Rescue Mission, New
26 Horizon, the Bradley Center, Columbus Regional, and the Homeless Resource Network for
27 Placement of Women & Children; and

28 WHEREAS, she was elected and served as the Chief Resident of Rodgers Medical Clinic in
29 Columbus, Georgia, from 1991 to 1992, the first African American chief resident in the
30 hospital's 150 years; and

31 WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson-Rodgers was appointed as Supervisor of the Department of
32 Women of South Central Georgia Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in 2018, under the prelate
33 Bishop Norman Odell Harper.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Gloria Johnson-Rodgers for her many
36 accomplishments.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
39 Gloria Johnson-Rodgers.