

House Resolution 668

By: Representative Metze of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Patricia Johnson Byard; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Patricia Johnson Byard on January 23, 2019; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Patricia was born on July 24, 1935, in Miami, Florida, a beloved daughter of
5 the late Katherine Payne and Reverend Percival Johnson; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Patricia was an active member of Big
7 Bethel AME; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her late husband, Milton, and was
9 blessed with four remarkable children, Angela, Milton, Marcia, and Braxton; three wonderful
10 grandchildren, Marcus, Kimberly, Davion, and David; and six outstanding great
11 grandchildren; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
13 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
14 her family and friends were admired by others; and
- 15 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
16 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,
17 she made this world a better place in which to live; and
- 18 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Patricia will long be remembered for
19 her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
20 fortune of knowing her.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Patricia Johnson Byard and
23 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
26 family of Patricia Johnson Byard.