

## House Resolution 1403

By: Representatives Burnough of the 77<sup>th</sup> and Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and congratulating Adelena Stergios Maddox; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Adelena Stergios Maddox was born on March 3, 1930, in Chicago, Illinois, and  
3 this year she enjoys the rare distinction of celebrating her 90th birthday; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding she has demonstrated have provided  
5 the foundation of success from which her family members have developed and flourished for  
6 three generations, as evidenced by her six wonderful children, numerous outstanding  
7 grandchildren, and many exceptional great-grandchildren; and
- 8 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high  
9 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Adelena possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through experience and  
11 the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many challenges of life;  
12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, Adelena was one of the first African American students to attend Marygrove  
14 College, an all-girls Roman Catholic college in northwest Detroit; she later earned both her  
15 bachelor's and master's degrees from Wayne State University; and
- 16 WHEREAS, after graduation, she began her career in education at Estabrook Elementary in  
17 the Detroit Public School System (DPS) and enjoyed a 25 year tenure with DPS, holding  
18 numerous positions throughout the district from teacher to administrator; and
- 19 WHEREAS, she later relocated to Washington, D.C., and continued to dedicate herself to  
20 education and retired from District of Columbia Public Schools as an assistant director for  
21 staff development after ten years of impeccable service; and

22 WHEREAS, a kind and generous person, Adelena brings joy and happiness to her family and  
23 to the many friends and neighbors who have the great pleasure of knowing her; and

24 WHEREAS, she has witnessed a dramatic change in the world over the course of her lifetime  
25 and we salute her contribution to its progress through her tireless efforts on behalf of her  
26 community; and

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body commend Adelena Stergios Maddox for her unselfish, dedicated,  
32 and loving service to the members of her family and community; congratulate her on the  
33 remarkable occasion of her 90th birthday; and extend their most sincere best wishes for  
34 continued health and happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
37 Adelena Stergios Maddox.