

House Resolution 81

By: Representative Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Wilhelmenia Percell Golston; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Wilhelmenia Percell Golston, affectionately known as Billie, was the third
3 child born in Calhoun County to Simon Henry Percell Sr. and Amelia Fields Percell on
4 August 23, 1929. She attended First Mount Beulah Baptist Church and was educated in
5 Calhoun County Schools. After high school, she began her studies at South Carolina State
6 University. Her studies were cut short when her mother became very ill, and she left school
7 to help care for her younger siblings; and

8 WHEREAS, she married Theodore Roosevelt Golston on January 15, 1955. She was a
9 God-fearing woman who served as a faithful member of the Brookland Baptist Church in
10 West Columbia for almost 70 years. She served almost 50 years on the Jubilee Choir and was
11 its president for 25 years. She was an active member of the Church Aid Club, where she
12 served as president for 20 years, and was a committed worker in the soup kitchen ministry.
13 She truly enjoyed her fellowship with the senior "seasoned" warriors at Brookland and
14 thoroughly enjoyed being an active member of the Senior Ministry for over 25 years, where
15 she also served as president; and

16 WHEREAS, Wilhelmenia worked as a seamstress and retired from Columbia Uniforms
17 Rental Company. She was a pioneer in the civil rights movement regarding workers' rights
18 and served as the union representative on her job, causing her to travel to Atlanta and other
19 places; and

20 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Theodore; siblings, CL
21 Percell, Jesse Marion Percell, Clyde Percell, Simon Henry Percell Jr. (Annette), Frances, and
22 Robert Lee (Marie); and son-in-laws, Charlie Butler Sr., John Amaker Sr., and Richard
23 Stroman; and

24 WHEREAS, Wilhelmenia departed this life on January 23, 2021. She leaves to cherish her
25 memories her children: Rosemounda "Peggy" Percell Butler and Sharon Golston Stroman.
26 Grandchildren: Reverend Dr. Dorothea "Dee" Dawkins-Haigler (Colonel David Jr.),
27 Lithonia, Georgia; Kawane Amaker (Nicole), Gaston, South Carolina; John Amaker Jr.; and
28 Reverend Charlie "C.J." Butler (Janelle), Columbia, South Carolina. Great-grandchildren:
29 Christopher, Christyn, Hannah, and Joshua Haigler; Alexis, Kareem, and Da'Jon Amaker;
30 Don-Tavis and Sammy Lykes; and Dallas and Charlee Butler. Great-great-grandchildren:
31 Amari, Kingston, Amyiah, Don-Tavis Jr., Tamia, Noah, Braydon, and Dior.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Wilhelmenia Percell
34 Golston and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

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 the
37 family of Mrs. Wilhelmenia Percell Golston.