

House Resolution 795

By: Representative Rhodes of the 120th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Black History Month; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the month of February is officially celebrated as Black History Month, which
3 dates back to 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson set aside a special period of time in
4 February to recognize the heritage and achievement of Black Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, the celebration of Black History Month is an important opportunity to
6 commemorate the tremendous contributions of African Americans; and

7 WHEREAS, the celebration of Black History Month provides a continuing opportunity for
8 all people to learn from the past and understand the experiences that have shaped Putnam
9 County, Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, Black people long suffered enslavement and subsequently faced the injustices
11 of lynch mobs, segregation, and denial of basic fundamental rights; and

12 WHEREAS, despite slavery, Black people in all walks of life have made significant
13 contributions throughout the history of the State of Georgia; and

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14 WHEREAS, the honorees being recognized today are Dr. Ansley Booker; Ms. Maria Burke
15 Clark; Judge Lisa Reid Reeves; Dr. Alisa Nelson-Wade; Minister Johnny Harris; Mr. Berle
16 Hurt; Ms. Patrina Dunn King; Mr. Larry Dunn; Ms. Thomaseha Bailey; and CPT (Ret)
17 United States Army, MS Sandra D. Taylor; and

18 WHEREAS, these individuals, who represent many diverse backgrounds, have successfully
19 challenged the social and legal structures that have kept Black Americans undervalued; and

20 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that these ten individuals of Putnam County are
21 appropriately honored.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body recognize the significance of Black History Month; commend these
24 ten trailblazing individuals of Putnam County, Georgia; and express the sincerest gratitude
25 for their impressive feats of courage and tenacity.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
28 Ansley Booker; Ms. Maria Burke Clark; Judge Lisa Reid Reeves; Dr. Alisa Nelson-Wade;
29 Minister Johnny Harris; Mr. Berle Hurt; Ms. Patrina Dunn King; Mr. Larry Dunn; Ms.
30 Thomaseha Bailey; and CPT (Ret) United States Army, MS Sandra D. Taylor.