

House Resolution 1801

By: Representative Scott of the 76th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Lewis Givens Sr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting to recognize the lives of those individuals whose
3 faith, dedication to family, and service to community have left a lasting legacy for
4 generations to follow; and

5 WHEREAS, Lewis Givens Sr. was born on September 17, 1899, in Tallahassee, Florida, the
6 beloved son of the late Robert Givens and Frances Jenkins-Givens; and

7 WHEREAS, Lewis Givens Sr. lived a life marked by devotion to family, community, and
8 faith, becoming a pillar of strength and guidance to those who knew and loved him; and

9 WHEREAS, he was united in holy matrimony to the late Malinda Atkins-Givens in January
10 1921, and through this blessed union, they raised eight children—five daughters and three
11 sons—building a legacy of love, resilience, and family unity; and

12 WHEREAS, Lewis Givens Sr. accepted Christ as his Savior in July of 1982 and became a
13 devoted member of St. Marks Primitive Baptist Church, where he worshiped faithfully under
14 the leadership of Reverend Matthew Balkman; and

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15 WHEREAS, he was a respected member of the Masonic Brothers of Cherry Hill 549, AFRO
16 American Lodge #14, and the University Pallbearers Lodge, reflecting his commitment to
17 brotherhood, service, and community fellowship; and

18 WHEREAS, throughout his long life, he was blessed with a large and loving family, and he
19 leaves behind a legacy through his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and
20 great-great-grandchildren, whose lives continue to be shaped by his example and wisdom;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Lewis Givens Sr. departed this life on Thursday, January 14, 1999, at 9:10 PM,
23 leaving a profound sense of loss to his family, church, and community as well as many
24 cherished memories and a legacy of faith and perseverance; and

25 WHEREAS, his life serves as a powerful reminder that faith, family devotion, and
26 community service are the foundations upon which strong generations are built.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Lewis Givens Sr. and
29 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 family of Lewis Givens Sr.