

House Resolution 526

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Beverly of the 143rd, McClain of the 109th, and Bruce of the 61st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Cleophas Orange; 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 Cleophas Orange on January 4, 2023; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Cleophas Orange was born on November 23, 1944, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama,
5 a beloved daughter of Willie and Luerina Brown; and
- 6 WHEREAS, known affectionately as Mama Cleo, she leaves behind a loving and nurturing
7 legacy of service to her family and community as a truth teller and champion of civil rights;
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, as testament to her dedication to her community, she served as the volunteer
10 coordinator for Andrew Young's gubernatorial campaign and chair of the annual All People's
11 Freedom Gala; and
- 12 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Cleophas Orange was a member of Enon
13 Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. Gregory L. Pollard, where she was active in the
14 November Birth Month Ministry and the EBC Women's Ministry; and

15 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, James, and was blessed
16 with five remarkable children, Pamela, Jamida, Deirdre, Tamara, and Cleon, as well as three
17 wonderful grandchildren, Jaclea, Kaci, and Brandon; and

18 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
19 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
20 her family and friends were admired by others; and

21 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
22 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,
23 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Cleophas Orange will long be
25 remembered for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
26 had the great fortune of knowing her.

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 Cleophas Orange and
29 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her 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 Cleophas Orange.