

House Resolution 921

By: Representatives Crawford of the 84th, Holly of the 116th, Davis of the 87th, Kendrick of the 95th, and Draper of the 90th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Collette Lewis Gunby; 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 Collette Lewis Gunby on April 27, 2023; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Collette Lewis Gunby was born on May 4, 1949, in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved
- 5 daughter of John H. and Thelma O. Lewis, Sr.; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she attended E. R. Carter Elementary School and Booker T. Washington High
- 7 School and was a graduate of North Carolina College of Theology, and she received an
- 8 Honorary Doctorate from Beulah Heights University; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, she was the pastor and leader of Green
- 10 Pastures Christian Ministries; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, Ronald, and was blessed
- 12 with two remarkable children, Kelley and Douglas, and three wonderful grandchildren,
- 13 DeShon, Tiffani and Kristopher; and

14 WHEREAS, her ministry went into public housing communities, hospitals, nursing homes,
15 street ministry, homeless ministry, and prisons, and instilling strong principles and values in
16 the next generation was a major focus of her ministry; and

17 WHEREAS, Green Pastures Christian Ministries has touched and improved the lives of so
18 many; and

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

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

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

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

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