

House Resolution 176

By: Representative Smith of the 70th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Johnese Threadcraft; 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 Johnese Threadcraft on November 18, 2024; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Johnese Threadcraft was born on June 12, 1951, in Calhoun County, Georgia,
5 a beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lee Threadcraft Sr.; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she demonstrated remarkable courage in her early years by voluntarily
7 integrating Calhoun County High School before mandatory integration, excelling in her
8 studies and graduating with honors; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she continued her education at Georgia Southwestern College in Americus,
10 Georgia, where she again graduated with honors before embarking on a distinguished career
11 as an educator; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she began her professional career as an English and French teacher in Randolph
13 County and later continued her work in Atlanta at Henderson High School and Salem High
14 School in the DeKalb County School System; and

15 WHEREAS, her passion for education extended beyond the classroom, leading her to serve
16 as a system-wide writing coordinator for DeKalb County and as president of the DeKalb
17 County Association of Educators; and

18 WHEREAS, she was a devoted and active member of Beulah Missionary Baptist Church,
19 where she served as president of the Usher's Board and worked tirelessly with the Learning
20 and Educational Advancement Program (LEAP) Tutorial Program; and

21 WHEREAS, Johnese Threadcraft remained a strong advocate for youth, racial justice, and
22 educational excellence throughout her life; and

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

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

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

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