

House Resolution 692

By: Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Gambill of the 15th, Scoggins of the 14th, Smith of the 18th, and Howard of the 71st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the lives and legacy of Kelly Nelon Clark, Jason Clark, and Amber Nelon Kistler
2 of The Nelons and commending Autumn Nelon Streetman; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, The Nelons, a renowned Southern Gospel group originating from Georgia, have
4 captivated audiences since their founding in 1977 by Rex Nelon as The Rex Nelon Singers,
5 later becoming known simply as The Nelons; and

6 WHEREAS, over their decades-long career, The Nelons have released more than 35 albums,
7 achieved more than 20 Top 5 Southern Gospel radio singles, and inspired countless listeners
8 through their harmonious blend of Gospel, a capella, hymns, Americana, folk, and
9 inspirational music; and

10 WHEREAS, their contributions to Gospel music were formally recognized upon their
11 induction into the Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame in 2016, cementing their legacy
12 as one of the genre's most influential groups; and

13 WHEREAS, on July 26, 2024, the Gospel music community suffered an immeasurable loss
14 when three beloved members of The Nelons—Kelly Nelon Clark; her husband, Jason Clark;

15 and their daughter, Amber Nelon Kistler—tragically lost their lives in a plane crash while
16 traveling to perform on the Gaither Homecoming Cruise to Alaska; and

17 WHEREAS, Autumn Nelon Streetman, the surviving member of the family group, has
18 demonstrated extraordinary resilience in the face of this profound loss, carrying forward her
19 family's musical heritage with strength and dedication; and

20 WHEREAS, in August 2024, she released the album *Loving You*, which was completed
21 shortly before the tragedy and was later nominated for Best Roots Gospel Album at the 2025
22 Grammy Awards; and

23 WHEREAS, Autumn Nelon Streetman remains committed to honoring her family's legacy
24 and ensuring that The Nelons' message of faith, hope, and love continues to uplift audiences
25 for generations to come.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body honor the lives and legacy of Kelly Nelon Clark, Jason Clark, and
28 Amber Nelon Kistler of The Nelons; commend Autumn Nelon Streetman for her immense
29 resilience and strength; and extend the deepest and most sincere condolences.

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
32 Autumn Nelon Streetman.