

House Resolution 1025

By: Representative Carson of the 46th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Janice Dikilato; 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 Janice Dikilato on January 7, 2026; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Janice Dikilato was born on October 4, 1937, in Statesboro, Georgia, a beloved
5 daughter of Bernard and Marie Smith; and
- 6 WHEREAS, affectionately known as “Big Mama,” Janice Dikilato will be remembered for
7 her warmth, generosity, humor, and unmatched love of Christmas; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, Ernest “Diki” Dikilato, and
9 was blessed with two remarkable children, Benny and Nancy; and five wonderful
10 grandchildren, Nathan, Daniel, Sara, Alexandra, and Geana; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
12 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
13 her family and friends were admired by others; and

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

17 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Janice Dikilato will long be remembered
18 for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the
19 great fortune of knowing her.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Janice Dikilato and express
22 their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
25 family of Janice Dikilato.