

House Resolution 1115

By: Representative Glaize of the 67th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Myrtle Lavonne Johnson Odom; 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 Myrtle Lavonne Johnson Odom on January 15, 2026; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Myrtle Lavonne Johnson Odom was born on December 4, 1950, in Washington,
5 Georgia, a beloved daughter of Albertha and Clemon Johnson; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Myrtle Lavonne Johnson Odom, affectionately known as “Von,” devoted a
7 remarkable 50 years to the field of education, serving as a Business Education teacher and
8 instructional leader at Social Circle High School, Briarwood High School, Russell High
9 School, Tri-Cities High School, and Creekside High School, from which she retired in 2008;
10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, demonstrating her commitment to real-world learning, Von established a
12 functioning bank within the school, teaching students the fundamentals of money
13 management, saving, and interest, and providing access to opening real bank accounts; and

14 WHEREAS, her impact extends far beyond the classroom as she faithfully sponsored
15 numerous school clubs; coached cheerleading, basketball, and volleyball; and mentored
16 fellow educators; and

17 WHEREAS, following her retirement in 2008, Von continued to educate, lead, mentor, and
18 support students at various schools throughout the greater-Atlanta area as a parent liaison,
19 substitute teacher, and on the Tri-Cities High School Alumni Association Advisory Council;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, a woman of service and sisterhood, Von was a member Alpha Kappa Alpha
22 Sorority and remained a devoted to the Nu Lambda Omega Chapter throughout her life,
23 exemplifying the sorority's principles of scholarship, sisterhood, and service, and was
24 honored as "Soror of the Year" for her leadership and dedication; and

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Myrtle Lavonne Johnson Odom will
26 long be remembered for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed
27 by all who 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 Myrtle Lavonne Johnson
30 Odom and 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 Myrtle Lavonne Johnson Odom.