

House Resolution 1147

By: Representatives Okoye of the 102nd, McClain of the 109th, Beckles of the 96th, Adeyina of the 110th, and Ali of the 106th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Lena B. Williams; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lena B. Williams was born on December 3, 1930, in St. Andrew, Jamaica,
3 to William Hoo Fatt, a Chinese immigrant shop owner, and Kathleen Rose Hall, a Jamaican
4 seamstress of exceptional skill; and
- 5 WHEREAS, as the firstborn of seven children, Mrs. Williams spent her early years in
6 Woodford, St. Andrew, and later graduated from the distinguished Excelsior High School
7 in Kingston; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she pursued higher education at Mico Teachers College, the oldest teacher
9 training institution in the Western Hemisphere, where she was proudly among the first class
10 of women to matriculate and graduate from the institution in 1956; and
- 11 WHEREAS, during her studies at Mico, she met Alvin C. "A.C." Williams of Belize, whom
12 she married on August 3, 1957, and their union of 63 years was blessed with three children:
13 Donald, Allan, and Karlene; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams and her husband dedicated more than 50 years to the noble
15 profession of teaching, shaping and enriching young lives in Jamaica, The Bahamas, and the
16 State of Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, their partnership in education endured until Mr. Williams' passing in 2020, and
18 Mrs. Williams' legacy as a lifelong educator continues to inspire students, families,
19 colleagues, and communities; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lena B. Williams is widely admired for her unwavering commitment to
21 excellence, her profound influence on generations of learners, and her enduring example of
22 service, leadership, and grace.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize and commend Mrs. Lena B. Williams for her outstanding
25 service and extend best wishes for her continued health and happiness.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mrs.
28 Lena B. Williams.