

House Resolution 1535

By: Representatives Adeyina of the 110th and Okoye of the 102nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Ego Okafor; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Ego Okafor was a distinguished science educator in the DeKalb County
3 School District who dedicated more than 25 years of exemplary service to the students and
4 families of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, throughout her remarkable career, Dr. Okafor was widely respected for her
6 unwavering commitment to academic excellence, educational equity, and community
7 empowerment, fostering engaging, inquiry-based classrooms where students felt valued,
8 challenged, and inspired to reach their fullest potential; and

9 WHEREAS, she was a steadfast advocate for underserved students, working tirelessly to
10 ensure equitable access to educational resources and opportunities as well as leaving an
11 enduring mark on the countless young minds she taught and mentored; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Okafor's academic achievements reflected her deep commitment to
13 education, earning an education specialist degree in science education from Georgia State
14 University in 2005, a Master of Education in science education from Georgia State

15 University in 1999, and a Bachelor of Science with honors in zoology from the University
16 of Nigeria in 1978; and

17 WHEREAS, her excellence in teaching was recognized with numerous honors, including
18 *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* in 2002 and 2004, Georgia Earth Science Teacher
19 of the Year in 2004, Henderson Middle School Teacher of the Year on multiple occasions,
20 and the prestigious People to People Eisenhower Distinguished Educator Award; and

21 WHEREAS, beyond the classroom, Dr. Okafor was a tireless servant of her community
22 whose civic engagement reflected her deep belief in democracy and collective responsibility,
23 dedicating countless hours to educating residents about the importance of civic participation
24 and ensuring that every voice had the opportunity to be heard; and

25 WHEREAS, she demonstrated extraordinary compassion and leadership by assisting elderly
26 citizens with voter registration, patiently guiding them through the process, and on election
27 days personally organizing transportation and driving more than 100 seniors to polling
28 places, removing barriers and empowering them to exercise their fundamental right to vote;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. Okafor's legacy extended beyond her professional and civic
31 accomplishments, as she was a devoted wife of 41 years, a loving mother of two, and a
32 source of strength, wisdom, and inspiration to her family, instilling in them enduring values
33 of integrity, perseverance, service, and faith; and

34 WHEREAS, though she passed away a few months ago, her profound influence continues
35 to live on through the students she inspired, the colleagues she mentored, the community she
36 uplifted, and the family she cherished; and

37 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this body honor the life and legacy of this
38 extraordinary educator, public servant, and community leader whose contributions have left
39 an indelible mark on the State of Georgia.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
41 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Ego Okafor and
42 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
45 family of Dr. Ego Okafor.