

## House Resolution 1637

By: Representatives Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Bell of the 75<sup>th</sup>, and Neal of the 79<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring C. Synamon Baldwin as a Phenomenal Woman of Bold Leadership, courage, and  
2 unwavering commitment to justice; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, C. Synamon Baldwin, President of the National Association for the  
4 Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Clayton County Branch, has exemplified fearless  
5 leadership, principled advocacy, and steadfast devotion to the advancement of political,  
6 educational, social, and economic equality; and

7 WHEREAS, at the tender age of thirteen, a classroom assignment—100 Years of Lynching  
8 by Ralph Ginzburg— opened her eyes to the brutal realities of racism in America, igniting a  
9 lifelong fire for justice and awakening in her a righteous determination to confront  
10 oppression with courage and conviction; and

11 WHEREAS, raised in Detroit by parents deeply engaged in the Civil Rights Movement, she  
12 inherited both the strength of protest and the discipline of strategy that was guided by the  
13 influence of her father, Leonard Baldwin, a friend of Malcolm X, and her mother, Thelma  
14 Baldwin, who embraced the nonviolent philosophy of Martin Luther King Jr.; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1977, upon relocating to Atlanta, she joined West Hunter Street Baptist  
16 Church under the leadership of civil rights icon Ralph David Abernathy Sr., who became her  
17 mentor and helped refine her understanding that "protest politics educates and mobilizes, and  
18 electoral politics secures protection under the law"; and

19 WHEREAS, following a near-fatal automobile accident in 2003 and a two-year recovery, she  
20 emerged stronger and more determined than ever, co-founding the Clayton Homeowners  
21 Association alongside her Aunt Judy Heard to promote civic literacy, community  
22 engagement, and direct access to elected officials, empowering residents with the knowledge  
23 of how and where to seek redress and accountability; and

24 WHEREAS, in 2010, inspired by a conversation with her grandson about stepping into  
25 leadership when the time calls, she answered that same call herself, assuming the presidency  
26 of the Clayton County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored  
27 People and leading with integrity, nonpartisanship, and an unwavering commitment to voter  
28 education, voter registration, and civic empowerment; and

29 WHEREAS, under her bold stewardship, the chapter has strengthened educational and youth  
30 development initiatives, including expanding participation in the NAACP's Afro-Academic,  
31 Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO), cultivating academic excellence,  
32 artistic achievement, and leadership among African-American youth; and

33 WHEREAS, her advocacy has extended beyond local borders through the reestablishment  
34 of NAACP Prison Branches within the Southeast Region Bureau of Prisons, affirming that  
35 justice and dignity must reach even the most marginalized among us; and

36 WHEREAS, as a trusted political consultant at the local, county, state, and federal levels, she  
37 has helped shape campaigns and leaders while maintaining the NAACP's proud tradition of  
38 nonpartisan service; and

39 WHEREAS, on May 1, 2026, she will launch the Baldwin Abernathy Bottoms Collective,  
40 ensuring that her legacy of strategic advocacy, civic engagement, and intergenerational  
41 empowerment continues for generations to come; and

42 WHEREAS, now completing her fifth and final term as chapter president, C. Synamon  
43 Baldwin leaves a distinguished legacy defined by unapologetic service, moral courage,  
44 steadfast faith, and deep pride in community; and

45 WHEREAS, above all, she is a devoted grandmother to Detronia Irby, IV, and Raynard  
46 Selassie Lanier, III, whose love fuels her life's mission and whose future inspires her fearless  
47 obedience to God and relentless pursuit of justice.

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
49 the members of this body recognize C. Synamon Baldwin as a Phenomenal Woman of Bold  
50 Leadership, whose life reflects the highest ideals of courage, faith, community service, and  
51 transformational leadership.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that her extraordinary contributions to Clayton County, the  
53 State of Georgia, and the broader movement for civil and human rights are celebrated,  
54 honored, and commended with deepest appreciation and respect.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
56 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to C.  
57 Synamon Baldwin.