

House Resolution 1853

By: Representative McQueen of the 61st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of DeLois Laura Mae Draper Brown; 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 DeLois Laura Mae Draper Brown on February 12, 2026; and
- 4 WHEREAS, DeLois Laura Mae Draper Brown was born on February 19, 1940, in Detroit,
5 Michigan, a beloved daughter of Hattie Nathan Hall and William Cottrell Draper; and
- 6 WHEREAS, during her exemplary life, she was cherished by her loved ones as a natural
7 healer, listener, and source of support who opened her doors and heart to all, feeding the
8 hungry, sheltering the weary, and mothering many more than just her own family; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she was blessed with four remarkable children, DeLois, Nander IV, Mark, and
10 Patrick; nine wonderful grandchildren, Essence, Nander V, Courtnee, Patrick Jr., Jazmiene,
11 Amir, Noah, Jackson, and Mark Jr.; and two outstanding great-grandchildren, Kingsley and
12 Nander VI; and
- 13 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, DeLois Laura Mae Draper Brown modeled
14 her life after the mystery of the Lord's Cross, serving as a member of St. Augustine Catholic

15 Church in Washington, D.C., and volunteering extensively with the League of Voters and
16 Howard University Hospital Diabetics Support Group Inc.; and

17 WHEREAS, she further enjoyed a distinguished governmental career, serving at the National
18 Wildlife Federation, United States Geological Survey, Farm Credit Administration, and
19 Department of Defense until her retirement in 1997; and

20 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
21 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
22 her family and friends were admired by others; and

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

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, DeLois Laura Mae Draper Brown will
27 long be remembered for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed
28 by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of DeLois Laura Mae Draper
31 Brown and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 family of DeLois Laura Mae Draper Brown.