

House Resolution 1982

By: Representative Gilliard of the 162nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Mrs. Theresa Gayle; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of one the
3 City of Savannah's most stellar citizens, Mrs. Theresa Gayle, for being a faithful worker and
4 loving mother who played a vital role in our community at large; and

5 WHEREAS, keenly aware of the fact that family extends beyond the bloodline, Mrs. Gayle
6 adopted, nurtured, and provided for many children in the neighborhood, becoming a
7 surrogate mother to those in need, and she served as a faithful beautician, doing hair for the
8 ladies in the community; and

9 WHEREAS, her entrepreneurial spirit allowed her to put smiles on children's faces as they
10 purchased and enjoyed her homemade candy apples and thrills while providing extra income
11 for her household; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gayle showed up for her children at home and in school, serving as an
13 active member of the Booster Club at Richard Arnold High School, and she was also
14 involved in activities at Beach High School in support of her children, where she is an
15 illustrious Beach High School alum and former basketball player; and

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16 WHEREAS, being employed as a domestic worker, Mrs. Gayle spent countless hours—often
17 on her hands and knees—working hard taking care of the homes and families of Savannah's
18 wealthy residents in order to provide for her family and ensure that they enjoyed a better life.
19 Her sacrifices did not go unnoticed and helped her instill the value of a good work ethic,
20 honesty, and integrity in her children; and

21 WHEREAS, she has successfully raised five children from 31st and Habersham Street,
22 rooting them in a foundation of Christian love, guidance, and support as well as teaching
23 them that they can go anywhere from here. Inspiring them to dream big and cast a wide net,
24 her children, Carl Gayle, Dr. Catherine Gayle, Eric Gayle, Jacquelyn Edwards, and Daren
25 Gayle, have all gone on to pursue rewarding careers in Savannah and beyond, making a name
26 for themselves in their own right; and

27 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gayle has been a pillar in her faith community as a long-time member of
28 St. John Baptist Church, serving as a past president of the Usher Board and being a part of
29 the Usher Ministry for decades.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend Mrs. Theresa Gayle for her unselfish, dedicated, and
32 loving service to the members of her family and community; congratulate her on the
33 remarkable occasion of her 85th birthday; and extend their most sincere best wishes for
34 continued health and happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mrs.
37 Theresa Gayle.