

House Resolution 1999

By: Representative Scott of the 76th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and legacy of Malinda Naomi Givens; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Malinda Naomi Givens was born on April 24, 1902, in Leon County, Florida,
3 the beloved and only daughter of the late Collie and Dressie Atkins; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she received her early education through the public schools of Leon County,
5 laying a foundation of faith, discipline, and service that would guide her throughout her life;
6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, on August 24, 1923, she was converted and united with St. Mark Primitive
8 Baptist Church under the pastorate of Reverend S. Paramore, where she became a devoted
9 and faithful servant of the Lord; and
- 10 WHEREAS, immediately upon joining St. Mark Primitive Baptist Church, she committed
11 herself to active service, faithfully serving as church secretary for 23 years and later being
12 appointed to the Mother's Board in 1948, where she continued her dedicated service until her
13 passing; and

14 WHEREAS, she was joined in Holy Matrimony to Louis Givens in 1921, and together they
15 built a strong and loving family, raising eight children and instilling in them the values of
16 faith, perseverance, and unity; and

17 WHEREAS, she was a pillar of strength and grace within her family and community, known
18 for her unwavering faith, quiet dignity, and commitment to uplifting those around her; and

19 WHEREAS, on Saturday, August 9, 1975, at approximately 5:20 PM, Malinda Naomi
20 Givens peacefully transitioned from labor to reward, as the angels of Heaven came to claim
21 one of God's faithful servants; and

22 WHEREAS, she leaves to cherish her memory her devoted husband, Louis Givens; her
23 loving children, Ophelia Dickey, Rosa Bell Richardson, Dorothy Lee Dorsey, Malinda
24 Jordan, Louis Givens Jr., Phillip Givens, and Samuel Nelson Givens; along with sons-in-law;
25 daughters-in-law; one uncle, Alex Allen; 42 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; one
26 great-great-grandchild; three god-children; and a host of cherished relatives and friends; and

27 WHEREAS, the life of Malinda Naomi Givens stands as a testament to faith, family, service,
28 and enduring love, leaving a legacy that continues to inspire generations.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body honor and celebrate the remarkable life and legacy of Malinda
31 Naomi Givens, recognizing her contributions to her church, her family, and her community.

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 Malinda Naomi Givens.