

## House Resolution 1017

By: Representatives Howard of the 124<sup>th</sup>, Frazier of the 126<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 127<sup>th</sup>, and Smith of the 125<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Louise Johnson Page; 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 Mrs. Louise Johnson Page on February 3, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she was born in Augusta, Georgia, and was orphaned as a little girl; she grew  
5 up in South Carolina in her grandparents' home and worked in the cotton fields; and
- 6 WHEREAS, with much drive, determination, and a strong desire to make a better life for  
7 herself and her family, Louise commuted back to Augusta, Georgia, and worked for a dry  
8 cleaning business, learning all aspects of the business; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in the 1950s, she purchased her first dry cleaning business, becoming the new  
10 owner of Clean Rite Cleaners; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she worked diligently building and expanding the dry cleaning business while  
12 building relationships and friendships that would stand the test of time; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she was able to provide employment for many of her family members and  
14 friends, and she often provided the first job for young people in the community; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Louise mentored and provided support for many others who wished to start  
16 their own businesses, and she counseled and encouraged others to pursue a better life for  
17 themselves through education, hard work, and entrepreneurship; and
- 18 WHEREAS, she worked alongside many politicians, community leaders, and local business  
19 owners and clergy, including her pastor and family friend Reverend Charles S. Hamilton, and  
20 together, they challenged the injustices and inequalities of the time; and

21 WHEREAS, she encouraged people in the community to register and vote and was the first  
22 African American to supervise a voting station in her county; because of the efforts of local  
23 business owners like Louise, we enjoy many of the liberties afforded us today; and

24 WHEREAS, she owned and operated a personal care home, providing 24 hour care for  
25 disabled veterans and patients with mental disabilities for nearly 28 years, served as the jury  
26 commissioner for Richmond County, Georgia, organized choirs, helped build churches,  
27 promoted inspiring gospel music concerts, provided tuition assistance to college students,  
28 and provided meals and friendship to many of the elderly in and around her community; and

29 WHEREAS, Louise shared her life with her husband of 60 years and three beloved sons; and

30 WHEREAS, Louise will be remembered for her wisdom, kindness, generosity, strong work  
31 ethic, friendliness, sense of humor, and faith in God, and she will be missed by all who had  
32 the great fortune of knowing her.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Louise Johnson Page  
35 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Louise  
38 Johnson Page.