

## House Resolution 1351

By: Representatives Dukes of the 154<sup>th</sup>, Beverly of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, and Randall of the 142<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Mrs. Annie Mae Leonard Mitcham and congratulating her on the grand  
2 occasion of her 90th birthday; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Annie Mae Leonard Mitcham was born on March 7, 1926, to Ella and Jack  
4 Leonard, and this year she enjoys the rare distinction of celebrating her 90th birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1960, she graduated from Dudley M. Hughes Vocational High School, and  
6 she attended Mercer University and later Wesleyan College, where she received her  
7 bachelor's degree in religious studies in 1994, for which she received special recognition  
8 from the Honorable Senator Elizabeth Dole; and

9 WHEREAS, her spiritual lifelong inspiration was provided to her through emulating the life  
10 of her God, Lord, and Savior, Jesus Christ, and her personal inspiration came from her  
11 childhood educator, Ms. Azzie Lee Mott; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitcham was united in love and marriage to her husband of 60 years, the  
13 late Wilbur, and is blessed with 11 remarkable children, ten of whom attended prestigious  
14 colleges, five of whom completed their master's degrees, and one of whom completed a  
15 doctorate degree with another in the process; and

16 WHEREAS, she served as president of the Metta T. Danforth Elementary School Parents and  
17 Teachers Association and is an avid supporter of the Harriet Tubman Museum; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitcham retired as an educator from the Bibb County School System with  
19 more than 40 years of service; and

20 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, she has been an active member of the  
21 Memorial Baptist Church for more than 70 years and works faithfully in the Prison Ministry  
22 and Youth Christian Education and Development Ministry; and

23 WHEREAS, by the example she has made of her life, she makes this world a better place in  
24 which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be appropriately recognized during this  
25 very special and memorable time of her life.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body recognize Mrs. Annie Mae Leonard Mitcham for her exemplary  
28 service to her community, congratulate her on the grand occasion of her 90th birthday, and  
29 wish her continued health and happiness.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mrs.  
32 Annie Mae Leonard Mitcham.