

House Resolution 1467

By: Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Buckner of the 137th, and Pezold of the 133rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Dorothy Jean Rigby Aniton; 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. Dorothy Jean Rigby Aniton on December 30, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Aniton was a beloved daughter of Reverend Edward H. Rigby and Ruth
5 H. Rigby; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she was deeply involved in her community and participated in multiple civic
7 organizations, including the Columbus NAACP chapter, the Metro Columbus Urban League,
8 and the Georgia Retired Educators Association, and from 1983 to 1986, she served as
9 president of the Gamma Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Aniton was an active member of First
11 Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Alabama, where she served in ministry alongside her
12 husband for more than 40 years, including 12 years where she was the First Lady; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to Reverend Dr. Emmet S. Aniton, Jr., and
14 was blessed with three remarkable children, Rhonda, Emmett III, and Keisha, and seven
15 wonderful grandchildren; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
17 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
18 her family and friends were admired by others; and
- 19 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
20 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,
21 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

22 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mrs. Aniton will long be remembered
23 for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal wife, mother, and friend will be missed
24 by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Dorothy Jean Rigby
27 Aniton, and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 family of Mrs. Dorothy Jean Rigby Aniton.