

House Resolution 279

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Hugley of the 136th, and Buckner of the 137th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Bishop Dr. L. D. Skinner Sr.; 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 Bishop Dr. L. D. Skinner Sr. on July 17, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Bishop Dr. L. D. Skinner Sr. was born on November 9, 1950, in Elizabeth City,
5 North Carolina, a beloved son of Richard Sr. and Alethia Bembry Skinner; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Bishop Skinner was well known as both a
7 domestic and international speaker who was sought after for his insightful thoughts and
8 scriptural prowess and was extremely astute at blending his wit and wisdom to minister to
9 all audiences; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife of 45 years, Ruth, and was
11 blessed with six remarkable children, Darnel Jr., Arnece, Darrell, LaTeasha, Darius, and
12 Tameka, and ten wonderful grandchildren, LaJarious, Christian, Lamaria, La'Niyah, MiCael,
13 Destiny, Darrell, Javon, Madilyn, and Ryleigh; and

14 WHEREAS, gifted in the areas of business, financial growth, and leadership, he taught others
15 to overcome barriers to excel in their lives while utilizing his powerful gift of mentorship to
16 impact innumerable people during his many years of service; and

17 WHEREAS, his commitment to serving God, his family, and his community was further
18 evidenced by the numerous boards on which he served and the multitude of leadership
19 positions he held, such as vice president of the Columbus NAACP and board chairperson of
20 the Greater Columbus Urban League, among many others; and

21 WHEREAS, Bishop Skinner received many awards for his distinguished record of civic
22 service, including the 2013 Board Member of the Year Circle of Excellence Award and the
23 2011 Instructor of the Year Award; and

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man who demonstrated his commitment to
25 witnessing Christ through word and deed, Bishop Skinner will long be remembered for his
26 love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
27 fortune of knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Bishop Dr. L. D. Skinner
30 Sr. and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 family of Bishop Dr. L. D. Skinner Sr.