

House Resolution 379

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th and Thomas of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Erica Michelle Robinson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished
3 citizens with the untimely passing of Erica Michelle Robinson on July 4, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, affectionately called "Princess Erica," Erica Michelle Robinson was born on
5 August 21, 1987, at Northside Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved daughter of Roy
6 Wilburn Jr. and Rosa Robinson; and
- 7 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith who witnessed Christ through word and
8 deed, Erica Michelle Robinson was an active member of Greater Springfield Baptist Church
9 and the C.E. Calloway Choir in her early years; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Erica began to blaze her own trail at a young age, picking up her first pair of
11 drumsticks at Adamsville Elementary School after joining the band and starring as Diana
12 Ross in the school's talent show; and

13 WHEREAS, she polished her talents as a drum player by joining the Southwest Atlanta
14 Youth Business Organization (SWAYBO) while attending Jean Childs Young Middle
15 School; and

16 WHEREAS, Erica loved to be actively involved with extracurricular activities while she
17 attended Frederick Douglass High School, and she had the honorary distinction of being
18 named president of SWAYBO and elite percussionist of the Douglass Deadly Drummers and
19 was recognized for her perfect attendance from grades K-12; and

20 WHEREAS, her superb talents allowed her to perform at the first Honda Battle of the Bands
21 in Atlanta as a member of the Albany State University Marching Band, where she was
22 recognized as a staunch competitor; and

23 WHEREAS, she was a champion of the Student Union Game Room for both spades and ping
24 pong during her time at Albany State University; and

25 WHEREAS, upon her graduation from Albany State University in 2009 with a degree in
26 criminology, Erica worked with Verizon Wireless for eight years; and

27 WHEREAS, she loved to travel with her sister, Tiffany, and cousin, Ashley, visiting amazing
28 places like Thailand, Amsterdam, and Mumbai; and

29 WHEREAS, she always ensured her mother stayed in good health and spirits and felt that her
30 greatest moments and memories were the time they spent together; and

31 WHEREAS, Erica had the rare ability to make her presence known whenever she walked
32 into a room; her infectious smile and uncanny ability to be her true, unique, authentic self
33 brought endless joy to those who had the blessing of knowing her; and

34 WHEREAS, she leaves behind her loving mother, Rosa Robinson; two sisters, Tiffany
35 Robinson and Meleta Wilburn; brother, Jarvis Wilburn; six aunts, Bettye Whitfield, Bobbie
36 McClendon, Vivian Muhammad, Ernestine Alexander, Faye Cain, and Norma Chapman; and
37 a host of cousins, relatives, and friends; and

38 WHEREAS, she is preceded in death by her father, Roy Wilburn Jr., and uncles Marshall
39 McClendon, Grady Caft, and Arthur Wilburn; and

40 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Erica Michelle Robinson will long be
41 remembered for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
42 had the great fortune of knowing her.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
44 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Erica Michelle Robinson
45 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
47 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
48 family of Erica Michelle Robinson.