

House Resolution 65

By: Representative Brooks of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Vivien Ardalia Harmon Davenport; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Dr. Vivien Ardalia Harmon Davenport on January 1, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Davenport was born on November 9, 1932, in Washington, Georgia, a
6 beloved daughter of George and Ida Mae Harmon; and

7 WHEREAS, she graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta, Georgia;
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9 WHEREAS, she attended Morris Brown College, where she was a member of Alpha Kappa
10 Alpha Sorority, Gamma Gamma Chapter, and later attended the Atlanta University Center,
11 where she earned her Doctor of Philosophy; and

12 WHEREAS, she began her career as an educator with the Atlanta Public Schools, Morris
13 Brown College, and other educational facilities as a counselor, librarian, teacher, and
14 consultant; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Davenport saw the necessity of educating young children in the southwest
16 Atlanta area, which drove her to open the International Center for Child Development in
17 February 1978; and

18 WHEREAS, the school became fully accredited through the Georgia Association of
19 Independent Schools in 1980 and was renamed The International Preparatory Institute; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2011, the Board of Directors again renamed the school, this time in honor of
21 Dr. Davenport, as the Davenport School at the International Preparatory Institute; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Davenport served as the Chair of the Neighborhood Planning Unit for over
23 17 years; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Davenport was united in love and marriage to Reverend Lamar Davenport,
25 Jr., and was blessed with three remarkable daughters, Gwendolyn E. Davenport, Evelyn J.
26 Davenport-Hudson, and Reverend Diana Davenport-Walton, six amazing grandchildren, nine
27 wonderful great-grandchildren, and three exceptional great-great grandchildren; and

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Dr. Vivien Ardalia Harmon Davenport
29 will long be remembered for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal wife, mother,
30 and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Vivien Ardalia
33 Harmon Davenport and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 family of Dr. Vivien Ardalia Harmon Davenport.