

House Resolution 1043

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Pastor Rolesta B. Ellis; 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 Pastor Rolesta B. Ellis on March 7, 2022; and

4 WHEREAS, Pastor Rolesta B. Ellis was born on December 3, 1932, in Rocky Mount, North
5 Carolina, a beloved daughter of Octavis Boddie, Julia Vines, and Fred Vines; and

6 WHEREAS, she was a dedicated military spouse for over 30 years who traveled extensively
7 with her husband, Master Sergeant Clarence Ellis, Sr. in the continental United States and
8 abroad in Germany and France; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1965, she met The Helfin's and joined the Calvary Pentecostal Tabernacle
10 in Richmond, Virginia; and

11 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Pastor Rolesta B. Ellis, being called into
12 the ministry, established the Calvary Pentecostal Tabernacle of Faith in Columbus, Georgia,
13 serving as pastor until her passing, as well as being a founding member of the
14 Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance; and

15 WHEREAS, Pastor Rolesta B. Ellis gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals,
16 and deep concern for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she
17 demonstrated to her family and friends were admired by others; and

18 WHEREAS, she is survived by her loving children, Clarence E. Ellis Jr. and Rolesta M.
19 Forrest; caregivers, A. Mario Ellis and Dr. Shelia "Precious" Ellis-Evans; nine grandchildren;
20 six great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren; and

21 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
22 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,
23 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman who demonstrated her commitment to
25 witnessing Christ through word and deed, Pastor Rolesta B. Ellis will long be remembered
26 for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the
27 great fortune of knowing her.

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 Pastor Rolesta B. Ellis and
30 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her 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 Pastor Rolesta B. Ellis.