

House Resolution 1047

By: Representative Jones of the 53<sup>rd</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Victoria Travis Jackson; 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. Victoria Travis Jackson; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson was born on December 7, 1932, at Grady Memorial Hospital in  
5 Atlanta to Blanche Arnold and Marcellus Travis, the second of their seven children; and

6 WHEREAS, this beautiful statuesque woman who stood out among the crowd was extremely  
7 athletic and an excellent student who showed early signs of outspoken activism, even as a  
8 young girl; and

9 WHEREAS, shortly after graduating in 1952 from Howard High School, she met and  
10 married James Frank Jackson, and the two raised six wonderful children, four girls and two  
11 boys: Kenya, Deborah, Ricky, Audraine, Michael, and Khadijah; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson and her husband were successful entrepreneurs who owned a  
13 string of businesses, including a laundromat, a contracting company, and a chain of  
14 convenience stores, which allowed them to take their children from subsidized housing in the  
15 1950's to home ownership, and eventually they became one of the first families to integrate  
16 southwest Atlanta in the early to mid 1960's; and

17 WHEREAS, they raised their children to never forget where they came from and set an  
18 example through their leadership and business ownership, showing compassion for the  
19 average worker; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson was a fearless social activist and a pioneer civil rights leader in  
21 her own right, regularly joining picket lines in Atlanta to fight injustice, campaigning during  
22 elections, and challenging segregation; and

23 WHEREAS, she was an integral part of the integration transition at Southwest High School,  
24 and she worked diligently to ensure that the students were treated equally; and

25 WHEREAS, this amazing woman, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother dedicated  
26 her life to improving education, promoting businesses, serving her community, and  
27 supporting the dreams of others; and

28 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and  
29 deep concern for everyone around her, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she  
30 demonstrated to her family and friends were admired by others; and

31 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
32 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,  
33 she made this world a better place in which to live, and she will be greatly missed by all who  
34 had the great fortune of knowing her.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Victoria Travis  
37 Jackson and express their great appreciation for her many contributions to her community  
38 and the citizens of the State of Georgia.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Victoria  
41 Travis Jackson.