

House Resolution 1085

By: Representative Jackson of the 165th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 26, 2022, as Mamie George S. Williams Day; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mamie George S. Williams, born in Savannah in April 1872 and educated
3 at Beach Institute and Atlanta University, began her life of civic service during World War I
4 by supporting Liberty Loan Drives, earning a coveted pin for her 2,400 hours of volunteer
5 work with the Toussaint L'Ouverture branch of the American Red Cross; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams, whose focus shifted to politics after the war, is credited with
7 bringing out 40,000 Georgia women to vote in the 1920 presidential election, waging a
8 voter's campaign in 160 counties, making speeches, and picketing polling places; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams earned national recognition in 1924 when she became the first
10 African-American woman appointed to the Republican National Committee to represent
11 Georgia and the first woman of any race accorded the floor at the National Republican
12 Convention; and

13 WHEREAS, in that same year, she again made history by establishing the first and only
14 national political organization among black women in the United States: the National
15 Republican League of Colored Women; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams served as a leader of numerous organizations, including
17 president of the Georgia Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, director of the Georgia
18 Savings and Realty Corporation (now Carver State Bank), president of the Chatham County
19 Colored Citizen Council, and many others; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2018, Williams was posthumously named as a Georgia Woman of
21 Achievement for her life-long efforts in politics, civic service, and business; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams' trailblazing achievements as a suffragette embody the founding
23 purpose of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, whose first public act was participating
24 in the Women's Suffrage March in Washington, D.C., on March 3, 1913; and

25 WHEREAS, the members of the Savannah Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
26 Incorporated, Elaine S. Campbell, President, pay special tribute to native Savannahian
27 Mamie George S. Williams in the 109th year of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated,
28 and the 80th year of Savannah Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize March 26, 2022, as Mamie George S. Williams Day in
31 honor of her achievements and contributions to the State of Georgia.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 Savannah Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, the public, and the
35 press.