

House Resolution 1087

By: Representative Jones of the 60<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Evangelist Lillian Richardson Wardley; 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 Evangelist Lillian Richardson Wardley on February 5, 2024; and

5 WHEREAS, she was born on February 12, 1935, a much beloved daughter; and

6 WHEREAS, she was a leader in the Atlanta community and was a champion for the Butler  
7 Street YMCA, working with young ladies and other organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, she also worked with the Bronner Brothers and became a poster girl for the  
9 Bronner Brothers; and

10 WHEREAS, she loved people and loved to make them look beautiful; and

11 WHEREAS, she formed a duo with her brother, John McCloudy, and they became The  
12 Magnificent Two, traveling in and out of Atlanta singing about the goodness and mercy of  
13 God; and

14 WHEREAS, every Sunday morning the sister and brother team would sing on radio station  
15 '1380 WAOK ' for the host, Brother Esmond Patterson, and they played a great part in the  
16 Antioch Baptist Church North service under the leadership of the late Reverend C. M.  
17 Alexander; and

18 WHEREAS, she had a golden voice and no one could sing *I know the Lord will make a way*  
19 like her; and

20 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, Walter, and was the proud  
21 mother of six remarkable children; and

22 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
23 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
24 her family and friends were admired by others; and

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

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, she will long be remembered for her  
29 love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great  
30 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 Evangelist Lillian  
33 Richardson Wardley 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 an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
36 family of Evangelist Lillian Richardson Wardley.