

House Resolution 1156

By: Representative Williams of the 168th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Henry C. Baker, Sr., and Ethel Virginia Almeda Ogden
2 Baker; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of two of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Henry C. Baker, Sr., on May 15, 2023, and Ethel Virginia Almeda Ogden
5 Baker; and

6 WHEREAS, Henry C. Baker, Sr., was born on November 19, 1928, in Hinesville, Georgia,
7 a beloved son of Herman Baker and Martha Mitchell Baker; and

8 WHEREAS, he worked many years as a long-distance truck driver with Wayneline, Inc., in
9 Jesup, Georgia, and Builder's Transport, Inc., in Savannah, Georgia, and while employed
10 with Builder's Transport he earned the "Million Miles Award" for safely driving over 1
11 million miles without an accident; and

12 WHEREAS, in their spare time, they enjoyed fishing, gardening, singing, attending sporting
13 events that included supporting their children and grandchildren, going to church, and
14 spending time with family; and

15 WHEREAS, with deep and abiding faith, they were active members of Bethel A.M.E.
16 Church, where Henry served on the Steward Board, the Trustee Board, and the Sons of Allen
17 and was a member of the Male Choir and the Senior Gospel Choir. While serving on the
18 Steward Board, he served as Steward Board Pro Tempore, and he was honored to be inducted
19 into the Sons of Allen Hall of Fame in 2017; and

20 WHEREAS, they were united in love and marriage and were blessed with seven remarkable
21 children, Barbara, Henry, Ronald, Darrell, Rhonda, Willie, and Herbert; 21 wonderful
22 grandchildren, Danny, Michael, Genese, Chandra, Terrel, Jabari, Wanda, Chante, Gabriella,
23 Torrance, Catawba, Chris, Duriel, Derrell, Lamont, Lewis, Teresa, Lawrence, Sean, Ryan,
24 and Lora; 23 outstanding great-grandchildren; and two magnificent
25 great-great-grandchildren; and

26 WHEREAS, a wonderful mother and devoted wife, Ethel was cherished by her peers and
27 fellow church members as a woman of upstanding values and extraordinary dedication to
28 those she loved; and

29 WHEREAS, they gave inspiration to many through their high ideals, morals, and deep
30 concern for their fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding they
31 demonstrated to their family and friends were admired by others; and

32 WHEREAS, they were individuals of magnanimous strengths with unimpeachable
33 reputations for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example they made
34 of their life, they made this world a better place in which to live; and

35 WHEREAS, Henry Baker and Ethel will long be remembered for their love of family,
36 friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing
37 them.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Henry C. Baker, Sr., and
40 Ethel Virginia Almeda Ogden Baker and express their deepest and most sincere regret at
41 their passing.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
44 Baker family.