

House Resolution 1435

By: Representatives Dukes of the 154th, Smyre of the 135th, Jones of the 53rd, Stephenson of the 90th, and Beasley-Teague of the 65th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Dosh Jackson on his 105th birthday; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dosh Jackson was born on February 22, 1911, in Macon, Georgia; and
- 3 WHEREAS, in 1923, Dosh made his first radio at the age of 14; it was a crystal radio made
4 from a Quaker Oats box; and
- 5 WHEREAS, while attending Ballard Normal School, he played in the orchestra and sang in
6 the Glee Club; he bought a used violin for \$25.00 so he could play in the orchestra; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Dosh recently had the original violin, which is more than 150 years old,
8 refinished; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in the summer of 1933, he met the pastor of Steward Chapel AME Church, Rev.
10 Fletcher Fountain, and was introduced to Morris Brown College President, W. A. Fountain;
11 Mr. Fountain asked him why he was not in college, and when Dosh told him he could not
12 afford to go, Mr. Fountain offered him a scholarship to attend Morris Brown College; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in 1934, Bishop Edgar Love, one of the four founders of Omega Psi Phi
14 Fraternity, attended a Methodist conference in Atlanta, and Bishop Fountain assigned Dosh
15 to chauffeur Rev. Love around during the week he was in town; there were many
16 conversations, especially about the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and since Morris Brown did
17 not have a chapter on campus, Dosh inquired as to how he could become a member; and
- 18 WHEREAS, with the help of J. B. Bayton, a business professor at Morehouse, Dosh later
19 asked Brother Love about pledging at Morehouse's Psi Chapter; Brother Love gave the
20 approval, so Dosh pledged Omega in the spring of 1934; and

21 WHEREAS, Brother Love was again contacted to inquire about starting an Omega Chapter
22 on Morris Brown's campus, and approval was granted by the Omega Psi Phi Supreme
23 Council to organize the Alpha Sigma Chapter in May, 1935; and

24 WHEREAS, Dosh graduated from Morris Brown in 1937, and he applied for a job at the
25 United States Postal Service, hoping to help break the color barrier; he was hired as a clerk
26 in the Atlanta Post Office and worked with the post office for 35 years, eventually becoming
27 supervisor of the Accountable Paper Division and then supervisor in the Postal Data Center;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, in the summer of 1938, he met a pretty girl, Juliette Lindsay, from
30 Montgomery, Alabama, and it was love at first sight; they married on Christmas Day, 1938,
31 and have four beautiful children, Dosh, Jr., Richard, Michael, and Marguerite; Dosh and
32 Juliette were married for 75 years until her passing; and

33 WHEREAS, when televisions were introduced, Dosh started repairing radios and record
34 players and developed a successful television repair business, Jackson Electronics, which
35 expanded into the installation of sound systems; in 2003 at the young age of 92, Dosh retired
36 from his electronics business after 30 years of providing quality repair services; and

37 WHEREAS, Dosh and his wife, Juliette, joined the First Congregational Church in 1939; he
38 was ordained as a Deacon and served for 25 years, and he has remained as Deacon Emeritus
39 since his retirement; and

40 WHEREAS, God has blessed him to reach 105 years of age in reasonably good health; he
41 is able to do moderate exercises, communicate with friends on Facebook and email, and
42 attend Omega Psi Phi Fraternity meetings; he likes to shop, cook, and repair things around
43 the house and enjoys spending time with his children and six grandchildren; his favorite
44 pastime is listening to jazz on his iPad every evening; God has really been good to him; and

45 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
46 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately honored.

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
48 the members of this body honor Dosh Jackson on his 105th birthday for his lifetime of
49 achievements.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
51 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dosh
52 Jackson.