

## House Resolution 1456

By: Representatives Carter of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, Jones of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Stephenson of the 90<sup>th</sup>, Dickerson of the 113<sup>th</sup>, Bennett of the 94<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Elaine Davis-Nickens; 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 Elaine Davis-Nickens; and
- 4 WHEREAS, an entrepreneur, government executive, community activist, and business  
5 owner, Elaine was president of EDN & Associates LLC, an Atlanta-based consulting firm,  
6 and the executive director of Angie's House Inc., a nonprofit organization in Rockdale  
7 County; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a graduate of Howard University, Elaine held a variety of management  
9 positions with the federal government in her early career and retired as one of the  
10 highest-ranking black women in government at the time; because of her unique skills, she  
11 continued to consult with the United States Department of Labor after her retirement; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Elaine was a founding member and past president of NHBW Inc., Southern  
13 Maryland Chapter, where, under her leadership, the chapter gained recognition as an  
14 advocate for women, youth, and families, particularly with regard to the issues of health care,  
15 domestic violence, and work and family; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Elaine's community involvement included work with Planned Parenthood of  
17 Washington and Teens Count, and she used her skills as an accomplished workshop leader  
18 to cover important topics such as esteem building, self-mentoring, interest-based problem  
19 solving, and building healthy relationships; and
- 20 WHEREAS, as job development coordinator for the A. Philip Randolph Worker Center,  
21 Metropolitan Washington Council, the AFL-CIO, she also worked with other nonprofit  
22 organizations, women's shelters, and faith-based organizations to conduct workshops on job  
23 and career development and other topics for women in transition; and

24 WHEREAS, while with the federal government, Elaine managed several national outreach  
25 programs to create high-performing work organizations for both state and local governments  
26 and designed numerous training programs to promote labor-management cooperation for  
27 both the public and private sectors within the United States, as well as several foreign  
28 countries; and

29 WHEREAS, after leaving the federal government, Elaine served as director of the Office of  
30 Labor-Management Programs for the Office of the Mayor in Washington, D.C., where she  
31 managed the district's first city-wide labor-management program; and

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

35 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Elaine will long be remembered for her  
36 love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great  
37 fortune of knowing her.

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 Elaine Davis-Nickens and  
40 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

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