

## House Resolution 1460

By: Representatives Bazemore of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, Trammell of the 132<sup>nd</sup>, Frazier of the 126<sup>th</sup>, Bennett of the 94<sup>th</sup>, and Beverly of the 143<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dorothy Norwood; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dorothy Norwood, affectionately known as "the World's Greatest Storyteller,"  
3 has used her soulful vocals and uplifting delivery to rise to the upper echelon of  
4 contemporary Gospel music; five of her albums have achieved gold status and her studio  
5 work has garnered Grammy, Dove, and Stellar award nominations; and

6 WHEREAS, Dorothy was born in 1935 in Atlanta, Georgia, and began touring with her  
7 family's group at the tender age of eight; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1956, Dorothy moved to Chicago, Illinois, and was soon singing with Gospel  
9 singer Mahalia Jackson, and in the early 1960s she joined the Gospel group Albertina Walker  
10 and The Caravans, which would include such Gospel music legends as the Queen of Gospel  
11 Albertina Walker, Shirley Caesar, Inez Andrews, Delores Washington, and the late Reverend  
12 James Cleveland; and

13 WHEREAS, she released her debut solo album, Johnny & Jesus, in 1964, resulting in her  
14 first gold record certification from the RIAA; and

15 WHEREAS, an opportunity to bring her music beyond the church came in 1972 when  
16 Dorothy was invited to be an opening act for the Rolling Stones' 30 state American tour; and

17 WHEREAS, Dorothy has regularly released new material ever since, including a 1991  
18 album, Live With the Northern California GMWA Mass Choir, which reached the top  
19 position on the Billboard Top 40 Chart; and

20 WHEREAS, she continues to share her gifts through music, enchanting and inspiring all  
21 those who enjoy the privilege of listening to her; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
23 talented and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body recognize and commend Dorothy Norwood for her manifold  
26 contributions to Gospel music and extend sincere best wishes for continued success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
29 Dorothy Norwood.