

House Resolution 1468

By: Representatives Martin of the 49th, Willard of the 51st, Jones of the 47th, Benton of the 31st, Petrea of the 166th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ms. Dorothy C. Benson as the Distinguished Older Georgian for 2016; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Dorothy C. Benson is a 94 year old activist, organizer, leader, and
4 equestrian; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Benson is a trendsetter who is very proactive about ensuring that Georgia
6 has things properly in place for older Georgians; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Benson was the inspiration for the beautiful Dorothy C. Benson
8 Multi-Purpose Senior Facility in North Fulton; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Benson previously worked for a Senator and helped start numerous
10 organizations; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Benson has a plot in her local community garden and teaches stained glass
12 classes at a local community school; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Benson has been a lifelong champion for aging issues, particularly
14 affordable housing and transportation; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Benson received the Martha Eaves Positive Change Award in 2009 for her
16 exemplary service in the aging community; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Benson is well-known for her achievements in the Rotary Club, the U.S.
18 Pony Club, the Girl Scouts, Fulton Parks and Recreation's Community Gardens, and the
19 Friends of Benson nonprofit at the Fulton Center; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Benson continues to attend regular meetings and remains an engaged
21 participant in her various committee positions; and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Benson is omnipresent, advocating for seniors at the capitol or at
23 municipality, county, or regional commission meetings; and

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Benson is a leader who strongly encourages senior advocates to attend
25 Senior Week at the capitol and county budget hearings; and

26 WHEREAS, Ms. Benson remains active and physically fit and did not spend any time in
27 rehab after undergoing a full knee replacement as she approached 90.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Ms. Dorothy C. Benson as the Distinguished Older
30 Georgian for 2016.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ms.
33 Dorothy C. Benson.