

House Resolution 1692

By: Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Buckner of the 137th, and Pezold of the 133rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Deborah Newsome Rosse; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Deborah Newsome Rosse, a native of Phenix City, Alabama, and Columbus,
3 Georgia, is the daughter of the late Rev. Tillman and Sweetie Mae Newsome; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rosse accepted Christ as her personal savior at the age of 11 at Franchise
5 Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor S. A. Harvey and received music
6 lessons from Professor Lewis Carter and her father, Rev. T. B. Newsome; and
- 7 WHEREAS, shortly prior to her graduation from South Girard High School in Phenix City
8 in 1955, she became the pianist of Franchise Missionary Baptist Church at the age of 17,
9 under the direction of Sister Annie L. Hammond and Brother John H. Jenkins; her gift for
10 ministering in this capacity is dramatically apparent, in that she has held this wonderful
11 position for 60 years; and
- 12 WHEREAS, since the age of 13, Mrs. Rosse also served as a pianist at Enterprise Baptist
13 Church, Gaines Chapel AME Church, Uchee Chapel AME Church, St. John AME Church,
14 Mt. Zion AME Church, New Bethel AME Church, and Metropolitan Baptist Church; and
- 15 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage to Deacon Monroe Rosse and has been
16 blessed with six remarkable children, Sabrina, Yolanda, Vincent, Dwight, Sonya, and
17 Rodney, and 14 wonderful grandchildren, Deborah, Caryn, Jeffrey, Nicholas, Bianca,
18 Christopher, Shaela, Britney, Dwight, Carlton, Ariel, Rayanna, Rachel, and Raymond; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rosse has received several titles and awards, including Mother of the Year
20 1998 by Frachise Missionary Baptist Church, honored musician for Black History Month
21 2010 by Mt. Mariah Baptist Church, and attendee of the Gospel Music Workshop of America
22 in Detroit, Michigan; and

23 WHEREAS, she is a great inspiration and has had an enormous influence on countless
24 individuals, and it is only fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
25 remarkable Georgian be recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Deborah Newsome Rosse for her
28 contributions to her church, community, and the State of Georgia and express to her their
29 most sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Deborah Newsome Rosse.