

House Resolution 2006

By: Representative Alexander of the 66th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Minnie Alexander on the occasion of her 88th birthday; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Minnie Elizabeth Burge was born on April 17, 1926, to the late Ethel Savannah
4 Florence and Myles Newton Burge in Cobb County, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Minnie was born into a family of 14 siblings which consists of three brothers,
6 two sisters, four half-sisters, and five half-brothers; and

7 WHEREAS, Howard Alexander was born on December 27, 1927, to the late Mary Sims and
8 Robert Alexander in Hiram, Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, Howard Alexander was born into a family of 13 siblings which consists of eight
10 brothers and five sisters; and

11 WHEREAS, Minnie Burge and Howard Alexander were united in holy matrimony on
12 January 19, 1947, and from this marriage, a total of 11 children were born; Margaret, Teresa,
13 Charlotte, Kimberly, Salina, April, Madlyn, Howard, Jr., Myles, Jerry, and Paul; and

14 WHEREAS, when Minnie was not raising children, she worked in the areas of farming,
15 domestication, manufacturing, and cooking; and

16 WHEREAS, Howard worked at Georgia Bridge & Iron, Lockheed and Construction; and

17 WHEREAS, Minnie and Howard Alexander were married for 52 years until Howard
18 departed this life on earth on September 25, 1999; and

19 WHEREAS, Minnie lost her son, Jerry Clarence Alexander, who departed this life on earth
20 on November 30, 2011; and

21 WHEREAS, Minnie has a total of 27 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren; and

22 WHEREAS, Minnie grew up with meager surroundings and throughout the years has
23 continued to have spirit filled richness; she is strong, loving, kind, sweet, generous,
24 intelligent, and inspiring; and

25 WHEREAS, Minnie's home was a traditional gathering place around the holidays with fond
26 memories of her famous dressing, Sunday dinner, and all other good eats she prepared; and

27 WHEREAS, Minnie has opened her doors to those that seek shelter, prepared food to feed
28 those that are hungry, and cared for those that were sick; and

29 WHEREAS, Minnie is known on Alexander Street and in the community in which she lives
30 as "Sweet Minnie" or "Grand Mama"; she is always smiling and showing love to everyone;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, Minnie is a rare jewel of sparkle to all eyes and all of her children,
33 grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are who they are because they have come in contact
34 with her; words are not enough to express the gratitude that she deserves for all that she has
35 done for all of her children throughout the years.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body commend Minnie Alexander for her unselfish, dedicated, and
38 loving service to the members of her family and the citizens of her community and state;
39 congratulate her on the remarkable occasion of her 88th birthday; and extend the most
40 sincere best wishes for her continued health and happiness.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Minnie Alexander.