

## House Resolution 386

By: Representatives Williams of the 168<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup>, and Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and congratulating Agnes Slater; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Agnes Slater was born on February 23, 1919, in Taylor Creek, and this year she  
3 enjoys the rare distinction of celebrating her 100th birthday; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a beloved daughter of Joe Fisher and Maggie Fabian Slater, her family moved  
5 to Long County, Georgia, and although she remained single, Agnes helped raise her sisters,  
6 brothers, nieces, and nephews; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she was the sixth child of nine siblings and was a known leader in her family,  
8 walking her baby sister Inez Slater Hicks down the dirt road safely to and from school. She  
9 was instrumental in Inez being admitted to Georgia State College and later graduating from  
10 Columbia University in New York, which was accomplished due to Agnes working and  
11 collecting money from her brothers in the military and other family members to make sure  
12 the tuition, room, and boarding fees were paid; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Agnes provided much of the same support for college education to the children  
14 of her sister, Martha; and
- 15 WHEREAS, she is unbiased and unbought, always speaking her mind, especially when it  
16 comes to showing motherly love to the entire community and helping other women learn  
17 how to be a lady; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Agnes spent many dollars purchasing and mailing clothes and accessories from  
19 West Palm Beach, Florida, to young ladies in Long and Liberty counties; and
- 20 WHEREAS, she is a self-taught driver who has driven across the United States and who  
21 named her first car Martin, which has long been laid to rest; but, as of last year, Agnes is still  
22 known to take the wheel; and

23 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Agnes is a member of Pleasant Grove  
24 African Methodist Episcopal Church, where she has worshiped the Lord and has served in  
25 many different capacities for more than 90 years and where she now holds the title of  
26 Mother; and

27 WHEREAS, Reverend Henry Frasier, the retired presiding elder, noted that Agnes' ministry  
28 is wherever and whenever help is needed; she has assisted in all capacities and has supported  
29 the ministry financially and with service to the church as well as by traveling wherever the  
30 church needed to go; and

31 WHEREAS, her favorite ministry is the hospitality ministry, where she shares her God-given  
32 gift of cooking and serving to all and prepares and carries meals to many, especially the sick  
33 and "shut-in"; and

34 WHEREAS, Agnes also helps the hospitality committee at neighboring AME churches and  
35 other churches; and

36 WHEREAS, Mother Agnes is known for supporting ministers, and Presiding Elder Henry  
37 Frasier, Sr., further expresses how he felt when he first started preaching and when he had  
38 no robe to wear, but Agnes purchased a black robe with white trims for him; and

39 WHEREAS, the renowned Moderator Emeritus of the Tattnall Missionary Baptist  
40 Association, Reverend Dr. C. L. Anderson, recalls that just two months ago, he received a  
41 call to come get the best tasting fruit cake because Agnes had baked him a fruit cake, and he  
42 recalls eating her tasty sweet potato pies also; and

43 WHEREAS, when she was able, Agnes always had a table filled with homemade desserts  
44 and soul food for every Pleasant Grove AME Camp Meeting, although her favorite delicacy  
45 is the old-fashioned pound cake, which she still makes by herself; and

46 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high  
47 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens; and

48 WHEREAS, Agnes possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through experience and  
49 the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many challenges of life;  
50 and

51 WHEREAS, she has witnessed a dramatic change in the world over the course of her lifetime  
52 and we salute her contribution to its progress through her tireless efforts on behalf of her  
53 church, her community, and her extended family; and

54 WHEREAS, the congregation of Pleasant Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church feels  
55 that Mother Agnes' wisdom is far better than all of the treasure of Solomon's Temple, and  
56 they cherish her in a great way.

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
58 the members of this body commend Agnes Slater for her unselfish, dedicated, and loving  
59 service to the members of her church, community, and extended family; congratulate her on  
60 the remarkable occasion of her 100th birthday; and extend their most sincere best wishes for  
61 continued health and happiness.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
63 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
64 Agnes Slater.