

House Resolution 436

By: Representatives Smith of the 70th, Rhodes of the 124th, and Dickey of the 145th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and celebrating the 100th birthday of Mrs. Lecura Marie Threadcraft Shorter; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lecura Marie Threadcraft Shorter was born on March 12, 1923, in
4 Arlington, Georgia, a beloved daughter of James and Pearl Threadcraft; and

5 WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, she attended Albany State University, earned
6 her bachelor's degree from Edward Walters College, and earned her master's degree in
7 education from Florida A&M University; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Shorter was united in love and marriage for 68 years to the late Mr.
9 Roland Shorter Sr. and has been blessed with three remarkable children, Rona, Connie, and
10 the late Roland Shorter Jr.; five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and four
11 great-great-grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, she was among the first school crossing guards in Duval County and she
13 worked as an avid volunteer as a room mother and PTA member of her children's schools;
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15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Shorter was an elementary school teacher in the Duval County School
16 System from 1964 to 1989, serving as an example to all the students she taught; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Shorter currently has dual residencies in Stockbridge, Georgia, and
18 Jacksonville, Florida, and she visits with her daughters, grandchildren, great-grands, and
19 great-great-grands often; and

20 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Shorter was a member of Mount
21 Calvary Baptist Church for more than 60 years, where she served as a deaconess and choir
22 member; after moving to Stockbridge, she joined Divine Faith Ministries and was a faithful
23 member for many years; and

24 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high
25 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens, and she possesses the vast wisdom
26 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved
27 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

28 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
29 integrity, understanding, and kindness, and by the example she has made of her life, she
30 makes this world a better place in which to live; therefore, it is only fitting and proper that
31 she be appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of her life.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend Mrs. Lecura Marie Threadcraft Shorter on the occasion
34 of her 100th birthday and extend to her their wishes for many more years of happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mrs.
37 Lecura Marie Threadcraft Shorter.