

House Resolution 922

By: Representatives Jackson of the 128th and Williams of the 168th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the legacy of Zack and Camilla Hubert; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on October 9, 2004, a property in Georgia acquired and settled by freed slaves
3 received official designation from the Georgia Historical Society as a historic site, complete
4 with the installation of a commemorative marker; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1872, following the emancipation of enslaved persons in the United States,
6 Zack Hubert purchased 165 acres of land from a local lawyer named Burke, an
7 unprecedented transaction during that era of relentless racial segregation; and

8 WHEREAS, after he and his family cleared the land and begun the construction of a
9 homestead, Burke claimed that the land sale was illegal due to a lack of witnesses, which
10 some historians believe was an attempt to re-obtain the now-developed land for future sale
11 at a higher price; and

12 WHEREAS, Zack enlisted the help of another lawyer, Poulton Thomas, and together they
13 legally validated Zack's ownership of the property in 1876; and

14 WHEREAS, as the undisputed owner of his property, he made a generous donation of part
15 of his land for the construction of Springfield Baptist Church, which stands opposite the
16 Hubert Family Homestead to this day; and

17 WHEREAS, he further contributed to his community by building a log cabin school and a
18 general store on his property; and

19 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Camilla, in 1873, and they were
20 blessed with 12 outstanding children, John, Zachary, Moses, Gaddus, James, Benjamin,
21 Theodore, Beatrice, Jency, Lucy, Esther, and Mable, all of whom pursued higher education
22 at historically Black colleges and universities; and

23 WHEREAS, by the example Zack and Camilla Hubert made of their lives, they made this
24 world a better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper they be appropriately
25 honored.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body honor the lives and memories of Zack and Camilla Hubert as well
28 as recognize their deep impact on the history of this state.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 Hubert Family.