

House Resolution 1119

By: Representatives Williams of the 168th and DeLoach of the 167th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Henry C. Baker, Sr., and Ethel Virginia Almeda Ogden
2 Baker; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Henry C. Baker, Sr., on May 15, 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, Henry C. Baker, Sr., was born on November 19, 1928, in Hinesville, Georgia,
6 a beloved son of Herman Baker and Martha Mitchell Baker; and

7 WHEREAS, he worked many years as a long-distance truck driver with Wayneline, Inc., in
8 Jesup, Georgia, and Builder's Transport, Inc., in Savannah, Georgia, and while employed
9 with Builder's Transport he earned the "Million Miles Award" for safely driving over 1
10 million miles without an accident; and

11 WHEREAS, in his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, gardening, singing, attending sporting
12 events that included supporting his children and grandchildren, going to church, and
13 spending time with family; and

14 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was an active member of Bethel A.M.E.
15 Church where he served on the Steward Board, the Trustee Board, and the Sons of Allen and
16 was a member of the Male Choir and the Senior Gospel Choir. While serving on the Steward
17 Board, he served as Steward Board Pro Tempore, and he was honored to be inducted into the
18 Sons of Allen Hall of Fame in 2017; and

19 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Ethel Virginia Almeda Ogden
20 Baker, and was blessed with seven remarkable children, Barbara, Henry, Ronald, Darrell,
21 Rhonda, Willie, and Herbert; 21 wonderful grandchildren, Danny, Michael, Genese,
22 Chandra, Terrel, Jabari, Wanda, Chante, Gabriella, Torrance, Catawba, Chris, Duriel,
23 Derrell, Lamont, Lewis, Teresa, Lawrence, Sean, Ryan, and Lora; 23 outstanding
24 great-grandchildren; and two magnificent great-great-grandchildren; and

25 WHEREAS, a wonderful mother and devoted wife, Ethel was cherished by her peers and
26 fellow church members as a woman of upstanding values and extraordinary dedication to
27 those she loved; and

28 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
29 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
30 family and friends were admired by others; and

31 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
32 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
33 made this world a better place in which to live; and

34 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Henry Baker will long be remembered for
35 his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
36 fortune of knowing him.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Henry C. Baker, Sr., and
39 Ethel Virginia Almeda Ogden Baker and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his
40 passing.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
43 family of Henry C. Baker, Sr.