

House Resolution 865

By: Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Reese of the 140th, Smith of the 139th, and Buckner of the 137th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mrs. Juanita Carson Booker; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Juanita Carson Booker is being honored during the Founders
3 Day/Associate Appreciation Day celebration of the Columbus, Georgia, Chapter of Jack and
4 Jill of America, Inc., for her more than half a century dedicated to community service and
5 educational excellence; and

6 WHEREAS, her 46 year-long career as an educator is distinguished by her innumerable
7 hours of time and energy spent to improve the social conditions of the underserved,
8 unknowing, and underprivileged; and

9 WHEREAS, her contributions to her community extend to her pivotal roles in Partners in
10 Education and the Columbus Community Center as well as advocacy groups such as the
11 Student Assistant Professional Association (SAPA) and the Rape Crisis Center and her more
12 than 60 years of service as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., earning
13 designation as a Pearl Soror; and

14 WHEREAS, her involvement in the Department of Family and Children Services and her
15 participation in the Columbus Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors and the Historical

16 Columbus Foundation Scholarship stands as further testament to her unwavering
17 commitment to the welfare of children and families; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Booker's deep faith and spiritual leadership are evident in her roles as a
19 deaconess, trustee and finance committee member at the First African Baptist Church; and

20 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding she has demonstrated have provided
21 the foundation of success from which her family members have developed and flourished,
22 as evidenced by her wonderful daughter, Vanessa; her two remarkable grandchildren,
23 Jasmine and Michael; and her outstanding great-grandchildren; and

24 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her role
25 as a charter member of the Columbus Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.; her service
26 as chapter president; her initiation of the Beautillion program to enrich and highlight the
27 accomplishments of young African American men; her continued support of the organization
28 as a member at large; and her deep concern for the opportunity of young people to succeed;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, by the example Mrs. Booker has made of her life, she makes this world a better
31 place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be appropriately honored.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend Mrs. Juanita Carson Booker for her unselfish, dedicated,
34 and loving service to Jack and Jill of America, Inc., her family, and her community as well
35 as extend their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mrs.
38 Juanita Carson Booker.