

## House Resolution 736

By: Representatives Mangham of the 94<sup>th</sup>, Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, Abdul-Salaam of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Thomas of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret at the passing of Professor Donald Efiong Udo Ekong; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 2005, the world joined hands to mourn the loss of one of its finest and most  
4 distinguished citizens with the passing of Professor Donald Efiong Udo Ekong; and

5 WHEREAS, this man of extraordinary faith was an honest and dedicated individual who  
6 strived for excellence in all his endeavors as evidenced dramatically by decades of service  
7 to higher education; and

8 WHEREAS, his passion for and love of teaching was recognized through his peers and  
9 colleagues by awards too numerous to set forth; and

10 WHEREAS, this beloved individual exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding  
11 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties throughout his life;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
14 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

15 WHEREAS, his unparalleled organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience  
16 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his acute sensitivity to the needs of the citizens  
17 of the international community earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and  
18 associates; and

19 WHEREAS, this kind and gentle soul was the beloved spouse of Afi Ekong and leaves a  
20 beautiful legacy of four children and three grandchildren; and

1 WHEREAS, the tragic passing of this generous, kind, and devoted scholar and family man  
2 leaves an unfillable void in the hearts and lives of his family and friends.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
4 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of  
5 Professor Donald Efiong Udo Ekong.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Professor  
8 Donald Efiong Udo Ekong.