

House Resolution 1670

By: Representatives Fludd of the 66th, Watson of the 91st, Randall of the 138th, Mosby of the 90th, Brooks of the 63rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Association of Black Cardiologists; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Association of Black Cardiologists (ABC) was founded at the 1974 annual
3 meeting of the American Heart Association, when Dr. Richard Allen Williams, assistant
4 medical director at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Hospital in Los Angeles, invited several
5 physicians and scientists to discuss the problem of disproportionate rates of cardiovascular
6 diseases among African Americans; and

7 WHEREAS, since that time, the ABC has been dedicated to battling heart disease in the
8 African American community by developing a variety of programs to increase the
9 availability of culturally sensitive health care providers, address the problem of unequal
10 access to medical care, and educate the community on how cardiovascular disease can be
11 prevented; and

12 WHEREAS, among the ABC's most important endeavors, its continuing education program
13 provides an average of 50 highly informative and enriching programs a year and is accredited
14 by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education; and

15 WHEREAS, today, the ABC boasts a membership of 600 health care professionals, including
16 international members from Europe, Africa, and the West Indies; and

17 WHEREAS, at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on March 10, 2006, the ABC will be celebrating
18 the opening of the International Library, Research, and Conference Center, a state-of-the-art
19 facility in Fulton County that will be dedicated to scientific research, health education, and
20 professional development; and

21 WHEREAS, the ABC recently celebrated its 30th anniversary, and it is abundantly fitting
22 and proper for this body to pay tribute to this exceptional organization's valiant efforts to
23 make cardiovascular disease a thing of the past.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body join to commend the Association of Black Cardiologists on its
3 outstanding work in the battle against cardiovascular disease and thank this esteemed
4 organization for its invaluable contributions to health care.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Association of Black
7 Cardiologists.