

## House Resolution 1731

By: Representatives Mosby of the 90<sup>th</sup>, Watson of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Morgan of the 39<sup>th</sup>, Smyre of the 132<sup>nd</sup>, Murphy of the 120<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Tavis Smiley for facilitating the creation of the Covenant with Black America;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Americans are deeply divided by race, class, gender, political ideology, and  
4 moral values.

5 WHEREAS, a divide so extreme, that in order to bridge it, we must speak openly, freely, and  
6 without judgment and work together; and

7 WHEREAS, it is imperative that we take this opportunity to consider the issues of particular  
8 interest to African Americans and to establish a national plan of action to address them; and

9 WHEREAS, no longer can we expect one political party, one segment of the population, or  
10 one religious denomination to speak for us or to act on our behalf; and

11 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to recognize that it is our  
12 responsibility as an entire community to no longer be left behind politically, socially, or  
13 economically and to bridge the economic and social divides ourselves by encouraging a  
14 conversation and commitment that will inevitably benefit all Americans; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia Legislative Black Caucus is the largest African American legislative  
16 caucus in America; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus unanimously ratified abiding by the  
18 covenants outlined in the Covenant with Black America and urges and challenges every state  
19 legislative black caucus in this nation to do the same.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body commend Tavis Smiley for facilitating the creation of the Covenant

1 with Black America as a document that outlines how individuals, groups, communities, and  
2 the body politic can move forward to make this nation better.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Tavis Smiley, Covenant  
5 with Black America moderator.