

House Resolution 671

By: Representatives Benfield of the 85th, McKillip of the 115th, Mumford of the 95th, Lindsey of the 54th, Levitas of the 82nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Professor Milner S. Ball; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, through his many writings, lectures, and projects such as the Public Interest
3 Practicum, Professor Ball has promoted an attitude towards the law that integrates the vigor
4 of theory with the concrete practice of compassion and social justice; and

5 WHEREAS, he earned his bachelor's degree from Princeton University and received a
6 divinity degree from Harvard University before completing his Juris Doctor at the University
7 of Georgia in 1971, where he served as the campus's Presbyterian pastor; and

8 WHEREAS, he is the founder of the Georgia School of Law's Public Interest Practicum, a
9 program created in 1992 that places law students in homeless shelters and soup kitchens to
10 provide information and assistance to clients on matters such as housing, child custody,
11 consumer debt, benefits and health care; and

12 WHEREAS, on Friday, March 30, 2007, Milner S. Ball will be honored with a Lifetime
13 Achievement Award at the Second Annual Working in The Public Interest Law Conference,
14 an entirely student organized conference dedicated to discussing possible remedies and
15 dynamic, creative, and unexplored methods to combat poverty through the vehicle of the law;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Professor Ball has also won a Lifetime Achievement Award from Hamline
18 University School of Law's *Journal of Law and Religion*, and he has published a number of
19 writings on topics such as constitutional law and the relationship between law and theology,
20 including books *Called by Stories: Biblical Sagas and Their Challenge for Law*, *The Word*
21 *and The Law*, and *Lying Down Together*; and

22 WHEREAS, his immense dedication to his faith and to the teaching profession is surpassed
23 only by his loving devotion to his wife, June, who is a landscape and seascape painter whose

1 work has been exhibited throughout the East Coast from New York to Florida and is
2 represented in many institutional, corporate, and governmental collections; and

3 WHEREAS, as he has commanded the esteem of several generations of students and
4 colleagues, Professor Milner S. Ball has brought honor to the State of Georgia.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
6 the members of this body recognize the outstanding achievements of Professor Milner S.
7 Ball, commend his dedication to the advance of social justice, and heartily extend to him
8 their sincerest best wishes for a golden tomorrow.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Professor Milner S. Ball.