

House Resolution 2160

By: Representative Cox of the 102nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Honorable H.E. Paul Kagame; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Honorable H.E. Paul Kagame was sworn in as president of the Republic of
3 Rwanda for a seven-year term on September 12, 2003, following the country's first-ever
4 democratically contested multi-party election; and

5 WHEREAS, President Kagame was born in October, 1957, in Rwanda's Southern Province
6 and spent 30 years as a refugee after his family was forced to flee into Uganda to escape
7 ethnic persecution and violence in 1960; and

8 WHEREAS, as a young man he joined a guerilla militia to free Uganda from its oppressive
9 dictatorship and earned a position as a senior military officer in the country's new regime;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, he returned to Rwanda in 1990 to lead the Rwandan Patriotic Front's four-year
12 struggle to liberate the country from the autocratic and divisive order established since its
13 independence; and

14 WHEREAS, President Kagame led the Rwanda Patriot Army to defeat the country's
15 genocidal government in 1994 and helped set Rwanda on its current course of reconciliation,
16 nation building, and socioeconomic development; and

17 WHEREAS, a national leader, President Kagame has served as vice president and minister
18 for defense in the Government of National Unity and chairman of the Rwanda Patriotic
19 Front; and

20 WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades throughout his
21 distinguished career, including a Most Innovative People Award for Economic Innovation
22 from the Global Leadership Team, a Children's Champion Award from the United States

23 Fund for UNICEF, an Innovation for Peace Award from the World Summit on Innovation
24 and Enterprise, Abolitionist of the Year from Hands Off Cain, an African Gender Award
25 from Femmes Africa Solidartié, and an Andrew Young Medal for Capitalism and Social
26 Progress from Georgia State University; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
28 this distinguished gentleman be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize the Honorable H.E. Paul Kagame on his numerous
31 achievements and commend his efficient, effective, and committed leadership.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable H.E. Paul
34 Kagame.