

House Resolution 617

By: Representatives Mangham of the 94th, Collins of the 95th, Brooks of the 63rd, Taylor of the 55th, Johnson of the 75th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Benson M. Karanja; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Benson M. Karanja was honored with a Head of State Commendation from
3 the President of the Republic of Kenya, Mwai Kibaki, on March 1, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Karanja serves as president of Beulah Heights University and received the
5 highest civilian honor given by the Kenyan President for his commitment to service in
6 Kenya; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Dr. Karanja has been instrumental in spreading the message of Kenyans' need
8 for assistance with their impoverished country by escorting groups of American business
9 leaders and students to the country to see the problems in person; and
- 10 WHEREAS, as coordinator of the Association of African Consortium Theological Studies,
11 Dr. Karanja has united professionals within Kenya to increase their understanding and
12 appreciation for the power of partnership; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Dr. Karanja is founder and president of African Resource Foundation which
14 functions as a liaison agency to organizations from the United States seeking to provide
15 resources and services and establish business relationships with countries in Africa; and
- 16 WHEREAS, this generous and magnanimous man has coordinated the donation of hundreds
17 of computers and books for educational facilities and libraries, donated food to famine
18 stricken areas, and sponsored leadership training in urban areas; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Dr. Karanja has proven himself to be devoted to uplifting and aiding the people
20 of Kenya and the State of Georgia is honored to have such a philanthropic and hard-working
21 individual as one of its citizens.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body commend Dr. Benson M. Karanja for his outstanding humanitarian
24 efforts and congratulate him upon his recognition as Head of State for the Republic of Kenya.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Benson M. Karanja.