

House Resolution 780

By: Representatives Taylor of the 55th, Heard of the 114th, Frazier of the 123rd, Dukes of the 150th, Randall of the 138th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending United States Attorney General Mr. Eric H. Holder, Jr.; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on February 3, 2009, Mr. Eric H. Holder, Jr., made history when he was sworn
4 in as the 82nd Attorney General of the United States, becoming the first African American
5 Attorney General; and

6 WHEREAS, this groundbreaking and monumental moment was made possible through Mr.
7 Holder's nomination by President Barack Obama; and

8 WHEREAS, a native of New York City, Mr. Holder was educated in the public school
9 system, graduating from Stuyvesant High School, where he earned a Regents Scholarship;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Holder earned a bachelor's degree in American history from Columbia
12 College in 1973 and a law degree from Columbia University in 1976; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Holder served as a law clerk for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, devoting
14 innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward providing representation and
15 advocacy for the African American community; and

16 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously served with honor and distinction with the
17 United States Department of Justice's Criminal Division; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1988, Mr. Holder was nominated by President Ronald Reagan to be an
19 associate judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, where he earned a
20 reputation for fair minded and reasoned judicial decisions; and

21 WHEREAS, President William Clinton named Mr. Holder Deputy Attorney General of the
22 United States in 1997, making him the first African American to hold this prestigious
23 position; and

24 WHEREAS, his foresight, vision, and leadership skills have earned him the respect of his
25 colleagues and associates, and his commitment to the judicial system of this nation is worthy
26 of recognition.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend Mr. Eric H. Holder, Jr., on his stellar achievements in
29 the legal profession, extend their most heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to the
30 United States, and congratulate him upon his history making appointment as Attorney
31 General of the United States.

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 Mr. Eric H. Holder, Jr.