

## House Resolution 749

By: Representatives Smith of the 122<sup>nd</sup>, Howard of the 121<sup>st</sup>, Thomas of the 100<sup>th</sup>, McKillip of the 115<sup>th</sup>, Epps of the 140<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of Robert Martin Screen, Ph.D.; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Robert Martin Screen, Ph.D. is a native of Augusta, Georgia, where he was  
4 raised by his grandmother, Harriet G. Martin; he was initiated as a member of Gamma  
5 Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in 1953; graduated in 1953 from Hampton  
6 Institute, now known as Hampton University; received a master's degree in speech pathology  
7 from New York University in 1954; and earned a doctorate degree in audiology and speech  
8 sciences at Michigan State University in 1968; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert M. Screen is the Head Tennis Coach for the men and women's teams  
10 at Hampton University where he has won 43 championships in 37 years, including two  
11 Division II National Championships; he is the only African American to be named Coach of  
12 the Year in tennis by the NCAA; with over 1,060 wins, he is considered the winningest coach  
13 in the NCAA, regardless of sport; in recognition of his career accomplishments, the tennis  
14 stadium at Hampton University was named the Neilson-Screen Stadium, sharing the honor  
15 with his college coach; and he was inducted into the inaugural class of the Hampton  
16 University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2009; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert M. Screen was the founding Chair of the Department of  
18 Communicative Sciences and Disorders at Hampton University; he created the first  
19 degree-granting program in speech pathology at an HBCU; and he established the graduate  
20 program in communication disorders in 1975; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1982, Dr. Robert M. Screen was named a Fellow of the American  
22 Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA); in 2002, he received the highest award  
23 given by ASHA, the Honors of the Association; he is the founding member of the National  
24 Black Association for Speech-Language-Hearing (NBASLH) and received its Distinguished

25 Service Award in 1992, and again in 1998, with the Pioneer Award; and in 2002, he was  
26 inducted into the NBASLH Hall of Fame; and

27 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert M. Screen was awarded the Outstanding Alumni Award in 1992 by  
28 the College of Communicative Arts and Sciences at Michigan State University; and the State  
29 of Virginia Council of Higher Education awarded him the Outstanding Faculty Award in  
30 2001; and

31 WHEREAS, as a prolific writer, Dr. Robert M. Screen authored the first of four novels, *We*  
32 *Can't Run Away from Here*, in 1958; the second in 1958, *With My Face to the Rising Sun*;  
33 the third, *The Ride to Nashville*, in 2006; and the fourth, *Lo the Owl Calls My Name*, is the  
34 most recent; and

35 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert M. Screen was honored by his hometown of Augusta, Georgia, on  
36 November 12, 2006, with the Dr. Robert Martin Screen Day; and

37 WHEREAS, it is only proper and fitting to honor Dr. Robert Martin Screen for his  
38 outstanding accomplishments on and off the tennis court.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
40 the members of this body honor the accomplishments of Dr. Robert Martin Screen and wish  
41 him continued success in his future endeavors.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
43 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Robert Martin Screen.