

House Resolution 957

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Mitchell of the 88th, Brooks of the 63rd, Williams of the 165th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. James Benito Hall, MPH, PhD, Drs. Ph; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, after experiencing a devastating personal family tragedy in 1980, Dr. James B.
3 Hall began what is now recognized as an illustrious career in political and community service
4 that has taken him to cities throughout the United States and to such faraway places as
5 Africa; and

6 WHEREAS, as a highly respected epidemiologist working in Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Hall was
7 often called upon to assist with various local health issues related to the HIV/AIDS pandemic
8 where his knowledge and expertise and his outspoken stance on disparities in African
9 American healthcare services attracted the attention of the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus,
10 which honored him for his earlier discovery of enzyme formulations proven to produce
11 significant improvements in the health of patients; and

12 WHEREAS, his recognition led to a campaign to recognize him nationally, and in August
13 1993, President Clinton proudly bestowed Dr. Hall with the title of "U.S. Ambassador of
14 HIV/AIDS"; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall became the first African American to conduct a conference on sex
16 education for youth of the families stationed at various U.S. Armed Forces installations; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1994, Dr. Hall was engaged in the development and organization of the first
18 Black Leaders' Coalition for the "Just Say NO TO DRUGS" national awareness campaign,
19 and with the national drug awareness campaign successfully completed he soon embarked
20 upon a series of international travels; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1995, Dr. Hall led a Christian mission of goodwill to East Asia, but the trip
22 was cut short when the group was held hostage by rebel forces for a period of several days,
23 requiring intervention by the U.S. State Department and other government officials to

24 negotiate their release and safe return to the United States, and in 1998 he became the first
25 African American delegate to meet with Mother Teresa to discuss the effects of the AIDS
26 pandemic in her country, and during the same year, Dr. Hall met with various governmental
27 officials throughout Africa to discuss and report on their attempts to combat the high
28 incidence of NW/AIDS that had become the leading cause of death among men and women
29 on that continent; and

30 WHEREAS, in 2002, Dr. Hall traveled to the Federal Republic of Nigeria with a small group
31 of medical associates, where he met President Mandela, and the delegation participated in
32 testing, further studies, and clinical trials relating to his enzyme formulations, which resulted
33 in official government approval, and NAFDAC authorization, for the distribution and sales
34 of his "Out of Nature" enzyme product line, throughout the continent of Africa; and

35 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall's complete line of alternative and complementary medicinal products
36 has received full registration and licensure from NAFDAC based on their safety and
37 effectiveness in reducing internal and digestive toxicities, that otherwise promote unhealthy
38 reactions in the human body, and this tremendous discovery has placed Dr. Hall in esteemed
39 regard among the citizens of Africa; and

40 WHEREAS, in 2004, Dr. Hall added to his long list of public service awards and recognition
41 the Dr. Louis W. Sullivan Award, presented by H.E.L.P. for Black Males Health, Africana
42 Studies Dept. of the University of Massachusetts, Boston; and

43 WHEREAS, although he considers himself to be retired from government service and quietly
44 resides in the Atlanta suburbs, Dr. Hall continues his outspoken community activism on a
45 regular and consistent basis, and he is still a requested speaker at public venues where the
46 ultimate focus is disparities in healthcare for minorities and disenfranchised populations; and

47 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall is also the founder and CEO of the Georgia Second Chance
48 Reintegrating Council, a program that works with the Department of Corrections and the
49 prison re-entry programs to transition formerly incarcerated persons back into society by
50 providing them opportunities to lead productive lives, through employment, counseling, and
51 social reintegration, which leads to a reduction in recidivism and incarceration.

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
53 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. James Benito Hall for his many
54 accomplishments and his tremendous contribution to human kind.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
56 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. James Benito Hall.