

House Resolution 1081

By: Representative Abdul-Salaam of the 74th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Stanley Byers; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Stanley Byers served his country with honor and courage during World War II,
3 dodging enemy bombs and bullets to deliver supplies to the front lines as a member of the
4 Red Ball Express; and

5 WHEREAS, sixty-three years later at age 82, the long-retired United States Army sergeant
6 finally received medals honoring his service to his country; and

7 WHEREAS, an unfortunate fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis had
8 destroyed all but his medical records, leaving him for decades unable to prove his military
9 service; however, upon a deeper examination of those medical records, he discovered his
10 discharge papers among them; and

11 WHEREAS, after six decades he received four medals, including a World War II Victory
12 Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign
13 Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and an Honorable Service Lapel Pin; and

14 WHEREAS, his mind still crisp and his memory strong, he recounts one story after another
15 of his exploits from 1942 to 1946 as he traveled the globe serving in the Red Ball Express,
16 an African American brigade of Army truckers who heroically delivered war supplies and
17 fuel to soldiers battling the Germans and Japanese during the height of World War II; and

18 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
19 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
20 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

21 WHEREAS, the fortitude, bravery, and courage of this soldier simply defies description, but
22 at last he has been properly recognized with his receipt of these awards; and

23 WHEREAS, his selfless and heroic actions stand as a shining tribute to the strength of human
24 spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
25 accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized
26 appropriately.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend Stanley Byers for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and
29 dedicated public service to the citizens of his country and state and extend to him their most
30 profound and sincere appreciation for all members of the United States military who stand
31 ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

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 Stanley Byers.