

## House Resolution 1327

By: Representatives Taylor of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Epps of the 128<sup>th</sup>, Morgan of the 39<sup>th</sup>, Bruce of the 64<sup>th</sup>, Abrams of the 84<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Robert Michael Franklin and inviting him to appear  
2 before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Michael Franklin is the tenth president of Morehouse College, the  
4 nation's largest private, four-year liberal arts college for men; and

5 WHEREAS, after graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Morehouse College in 1975 with a degree  
6 in political science and religion, Dr. Franklin earned a master's degree of divinity in Christian  
7 social ethics and pastoral care from Harvard Divinity School, and a doctorate degree from  
8 the University of Chicago; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Franklin's vast career in education has included positions with the  
10 University of Chicago, Harvard Divinity School, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, and  
11 Emory University's Candler School of Theology; and

12 WHEREAS, a celebrated author as well as a fine educator, Dr. Franklin has also served as  
13 a program officer in human rights and social justice at the Ford Foundation, and is a  
14 contributing commentator for National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" and Atlanta  
15 Interfaith Broadcasting Television; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Franklin serves as a role model with his community involvement in such  
17 organizations as the Atlanta Rotary Club, Sigma Pi Phi fraternity, Leadership Atlanta,  
18 Community Foundation of Metro Atlanta, the Joint Center for Political and Economic  
19 Studies, Character Education Partnership, and Congress of National Black Churches; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Franklin is united in love and marriage to Dr. Cheryl Goffney Franklin and  
21 is the father of three remarkable children, Imani, Robert, and Julian; and

22 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is honored to have such a distinguished and learned citizen  
23 as the leader of an institution that provides quality education for this state's young leaders.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body commend the leadership and guidance of Morehouse College's  
26 President, Dr. Robert Michael Franklin, and invite him to appear before the House of  
27 Representatives at a date and time specified by the Speaker of the House.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Robert Michael  
30 Franklin.