

House Resolution 1540

By: Representatives Jordan of the 77th, James of the 135th, Stephens of the 161st, Hugley of the 133rd, and Morgan of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ambassador Andrew Young; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, from Ambassador Andrew Young's beginnings as an ordained minister and top
3 aide to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., during the Civil Rights Movement to his current position
4 as founding principal and chair of GoodWorks International, an organization that embraces
5 his long-held mission of facilitating economic development in the Caribbean and Africa, his
6 humanitarian efforts and influence have spanned the globe; and

7 WHEREAS, his "good works" have taken him to more than 150 countries, including 48
8 countries in Africa; and

9 WHEREAS, through his leadership, countries throughout the world have created a successful
10 model that combines religion, education, democracy, and free enterprise in ways that support
11 the public good; and

12 WHEREAS, Ambassador Young has received honorary degrees from more than 60
13 institutions, including Swarthmore College, Duke University, Emory University, Clark
14 Atlanta University, the University of Georgia, Morehouse College, and his alma mater,
15 Howard University; and

16 WHEREAS, he has served in the United States Congress and as United States Ambassador
17 to the United Nations during the Carter Administration; and

18 WHEREAS, he has received numerous honors, including the Olympic Order, the highest
19 award of the Olympic Movement, in 1996 and the Emmy for Lifetime Achievement; and

20 WHEREAS, he has served on numerous boards, including the Southern African Enterprise
21 Development Fund, the Leon H. Sullivan Foundation, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for

22 Nonviolent Social Change, Diversapack, Barrick Gold, United Nations, AMC, and Atlanta
23 Falcons; and

24 WHEREAS, he helped attract 1,100 new businesses and \$70 billion in private investments
25 and created one million new jobs during his two terms as mayor of Atlanta; and

26 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to Carolyn McClain Young, and together they
27 are blessed with four remarkable children and six adored grandchildren; and

28 WHEREAS, Ambassador Young is the author of *A Way Out of No Way* and *An Easy Burden*
29 and co-author of *Walk in My Shoes*; and

30 WHEREAS, the devotion of his time, efforts, and energy to the service of others and his
31 many achievements are worthy of recognition.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body join to commend Ambassador Andrew Young on his many
34 contributions to his community, state, and nation.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ambassador Andrew
37 Young.