

House Resolution 1568

By: Representatives Parent of the 81st, Oliver of the 83rd, Benfield of the 85th, Stephenson of the 92nd, Kaiser of the 59th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. John C. Taylor and inviting him to be recognized by the House of
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. John C. Taylor began his athletic career at the age of 60, when he completed
4 his first 10 kilometer race in third place in his age group, and two years later he competed
5 in his first triathlon, and now at the age of 90 he is still competing and is the first 90-year-old
6 triathlete in the history of USA Triathlon competition, having recently completed the Tri the
7 Parks Triathlon in Carrollton, Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, he won the gold medal in triathlon at the 2005 Senior Olympics in Pittsburgh,
9 after winning silver in 5, 10, 20, 30, and 40 kilometer bicycle races, and was nominated for
10 the Lifetime Achievement Award; and

11 WHEREAS, he is fond of stating that common perception is that people over 70 are over the
12 hill, but in his observation as a cyclist, when you get over the hill you go faster; and

13 WHEREAS, his goal for the future is to live to see 120; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor pastored churches for 45 years, then taught college-level journalism
15 for 18 years and wellness lifestyle seminars for seniors for 12 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor, who earned his doctorate in health education from Southern Illinois
17 University at the age of 75, is proof that one need not take to the rocking chair after
18 retirement but can continue to live an active and fulfilled life, and indeed staying active is
19 what leads to longevity; and

20 WHEREAS, with his beautiful wife, Sally, children and grandchildren, the Taylor family is
21 living proof that loving relationships are what sustain us.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body congratulate and commend Dr. John C. Taylor for his many
24 impressive athletic achievements and invite him to be recognized by the House of
25 Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House of
26 Representatives.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. John C. Taylor.