

House Resolution 74

By: Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Brooks of the 55th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Jones of the 62nd, Beverly of the 143rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the development of minority owned plasma centers; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, for many years, people have suffered from medical deficiencies which could
3 be controlled by drugs made from human plasma; and

4 WHEREAS, there are numerous U.S. Food and Drug Administration licensed plasma
5 donation centers in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, the statistics have shown that in 2008, there were 18.8 million plasma donations
7 made in the United States at federally licensed plasma collection centers; and

8 WHEREAS, statistics have further shown that 20 million liters of plasma are used worldwide
9 every year to manufacture plasma protein therapies for patients with blood clotting disorders,
10 sickle cell disease, immune deficiencies, neurological disorders, pediatric HIV, hemophilia,
11 and Alzheimer's disease; and

12 WHEREAS, worldwide sales exceed \$8 billion annually; and

13 WHEREAS, it is reported that over 80 percent of U.S. plasma donations comes from African
14 Americans; and

15 WHEREAS, no African American owns a plasma collection center in the United States.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body encourage the U.S. plasma collection industry to open up its
18 markets and allow equal opportunity for African Americans to participate in the process by
19 executing plasma collection agreements with them.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Grifols of Spain, Biotest AG
22 of Germany, and Baxter International of Deerfield.