

House Resolution 123

By: Representatives Frazier of the 126th, Howard of the 124th, Sharper of the 177th, Jackson of the 128th, Bruce of the 61st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Harry Donald Carson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Harry Donald Carson was born in Florence, South Carolina, on November 26,
3 1953; and

4 WHEREAS, Harry played football at Wilson High School and McClenaghan High School,
5 from which he graduated, and played college football at South Carolina State University,
6 where he was a two-time captain and played defensive lineman; and

7 WHEREAS, during his college career, he received honors for the Kodak All-American
8 Football Team, NAIA All-American Team, Pittsburgh Courier All-American Team,
9 All-State (South Carolina), All Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, and MEAC Defensive
10 Player of the Year twice. He excelled off the field academically as well, winning awards for
11 the highest academic average amongst Black College All-Americans; and

12 WHEREAS, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from South Carolina State University
13 and continued his graduate studies there and at Fairleigh Dickinson University; and

14 WHEREAS, during his NFL career, he was named to the All-NFL Team 7 times, to the
15 All-NFC Team 8 times, and as NFC Linebacker of the Year twice and was rated the #1
16 "Inside Linebacker" in NFL history according to *Pro Football Weekly*; and

17 WHEREAS, his 13 year stint with the New York Giants is one of the longest tenures in club
18 history, and the indestructible former linebacker served as Team Captain for 10 of his 13
19 seasons, including the 1986 season when the Giants defeated the Denver Broncos 39-20 in
20 Super Bowl XXI; and

21 WHEREAS, he is among the top 250 players to ever play professional football with his
22 induction as the 231st member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame; and

23 WHEREAS, the end of Harry's football career marked the beginning of his career in sports
24 broadcasting. Retiring from the NFL after the 1988 season, he co-hosted CNN's *NFL*
25 *Preview*, appeared on WCBS as a broadcast analyst, and was a Special Correspondent for
26 NFL playoffs and the Super Bowl on ABC-TV's *Good Morning America*. Harry has worked
27 as a broadcast analyst with ABC Sports College Football as well as New York's Madison
28 Square Garden Network. He is currently a co-host of the New York Giants game day
29 magazine program *Giants Opening Drive Live*; and

30 WHEREAS, Harry is CEO and President of Harry Carson Inc., a sports consulting and
31 promotions company that works with media outlets, educational sources, and corporations
32 on sports as well as non-sports related issues. Harry Carson Inc. provides expert television,
33 radio, print media, and internet commentary on sports-related matters. His company is a
34 provider of former professional athletes to schools and corporations to deliver motivational
35 and inspirational sports theme presentations; and

36 WHEREAS, he is involved with numerous charities such as The Miami Project to Cure
37 Paralysis, The United Way, The United Way's Celebrity Read Program, The Boys & Girls
38 Clubs of America, Boy Scouts of America, The Young Father's Program, The Literacy
39 Council of New Jersey, Habitat for Humanity, The Tomorrow's Children Fund, MANetc,
40 Inc., and The Autism Coalition; and

41 WHEREAS, Harry has long been an advocate on health related issues. He has served as a
42 spokesperson for the Bergen County, New Jersey, Cancer Education and Early Detection
43 Program and with the Professional Football Hall of Fame to increase the awareness of
44 prostate cancer among men, especially Asian, Latino, and African American men. Currently,
45 Harry has partnered with Meridian Health System Inc., in the role of spokesperson to
46 increase traumatic brain injury awareness in Ocean and Monmouth Counties in New Jersey,
47 and in this role works with community groups in regard to neurological education promoting
48 prevention, early detection, and treatment; and

49 WHEREAS, in 2012, he was named Man of the Year by the Walter Camp Football
50 Foundation. He was also honored by the Mental Health Association of New York City and
51 was the recipient of the 2012 MVP Award honoring Lifetime Achievement by the United
52 Way of New York City; and

53 WHEREAS, Harry is married to Maribel and is the father of Aja Gurley Carson (m/Andrew,
54 Jamison & Kellen), Dr. Donald Carson, and United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Kip
55 ("Lucky") Baker-Carson; and

56 WHEREAS, Harry is the speaker for the Augusta City Classic Hall of Fame Banquet; and

57 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
58 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
60 the members of this body recognize Harry Donald Carson for his outstanding
61 accomplishments and extend best wishes for continued success.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
63 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Harry Donald Carson.