

## House Resolution 180

By: Representatives Bruce of the 61<sup>st</sup>, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Frazier of the 126<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 62<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Jim Alexander and inviting him to be recognized by the  
2 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Jim Alexander is an award-winning photographer who has spent over 50 years  
4 refining what he calls the art of documentary photography; and

5 WHEREAS, a photojournalist, teacher, activist, media consultant, and entrepreneur, Mr.  
6 Alexander has amassed an impressive collection of images of black culture and human rights  
7 photographs; and

8 WHEREAS, he has been on the scene at rallies, marches, festivals, meetings, and various  
9 other cultural events, photographing people and events that have guided the course of African  
10 American history and human rights in the latter part of the 20th and beginning of the 21st  
11 centuries; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Alexander began to cultivate his talents at the young age of 17, long before  
13 the practice was acknowledged as an art, and held his first exhibit in 1968, the same year he  
14 graduated from the New York Institute of Photography with a degree in commercial  
15 photography; and

16 WHEREAS, he has taught photography at six colleges, including Yale University, spent five  
17 years as a photographer in residence at Clark Atlanta University, and was director of a youth  
18 photography program for four years; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Alexander's work is in numerous major collections including the  
20 Smithsonian, and he has had over 60 solo exhibits and is a 2006 inductee into The  
21 HistoryMakers; and

22 WHEREAS, in 1995, when the city of Atlanta Office of Cultural Affairs began its annual  
23 "Master Artist" program, Jim Alexander was the first artist named in acknowledgment of his  
24 vast and creative legacy of capturing moments in time with precision and skill.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body commend Jim Alexander for his inspiring career of documentary  
27 photography, congratulate him on his many well deserved achievements, and invite him to  
28 be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be designated by the  
29 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jim Alexander.