

## House Resolution 353

By: Representatives Bentley of the 139<sup>th</sup>, Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>, and Deffenbaugh of the 1<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Cooperative Developmental Energy Program (CDEP) at  
2 Fort Valley State University; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Cooperative Developmental Energy Program (CDEP) at Fort Valley State  
4 University has been designated a national model program by the U.S. Department of Energy  
5 and, this year, is celebrating 30 years of success in recruiting academically talented  
6 minorities and women for disciplines in mathematics, engineering, geoscience, chemistry,  
7 biology, and health physics; and

8 WHEREAS, CDEP is an innovative cooperative program between Fort Valley State  
9 University (FVSU), the University of Nevada-Las Vegas (UNLV), the Georgia Institute of  
10 Technology (GT), the University of Texas-Austin (UTEXAS), the University of Texas-Pan  
11 American (UTPA), Pennsylvania State University (PSU), the University of Arkansas  
12 (UARK) and the private and governmental sectors of the nation's energy industry that  
13 focuses on placing minorities and females into professional level careers in the energy  
14 industry; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Isaac J. Crumbly, Director of CDEP, founded the program in 1983 with  
16 start-up funds from the U.S. Department of Energy, and since that time, the program has  
17 increased its list of sponsorships to include many utility, oil, and gas companies, and  
18 governmental agencies; and

19 WHEREAS, CDEP operates the largest specifically focused energy internship program  
20 among the 117 historically black colleges and universities and has placed students in more  
21 than 900 internship assignments, resulting in combined earnings totaling more than \$5  
22 million; and

23 WHEREAS, the CDEP program has received numerous awards for its accomplishments,  
24 including recognition from the nation's capitol; Dr. Crumbly was honored last year by

25 President Barack Obama with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science,  
26 Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring; and

27 WHEREAS, the Cooperative Developmental Energy Program program offers a unique  
28 conceptual approach to addressing the need for increasing minority and female representation  
29 in science and engineering careers.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body commend the Cooperative Developmental Energy Program on its  
32 initiative in providing opportunities for growth and success to minorities and females in the  
33 science and engineering fields.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Isaac J. Crumbly.