

House Resolution 488

By: Representatives Roberts of the 155th, Ralston of the 7th, O`Neal of the 146th, and England of the 116th

A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, Roberto Roy is the Minister for Canal Affairs and President of the Board of
4 Directors of the Panama Canal Authority; and

5 WHEREAS, he earned a degree in Civil Engineering from Universidad Santa Maria la
6 Antigua and a degree in Mechanical Engineering and a master's degree in Industrial
7 Management from the Georgia Institute of Technology; and

8 WHEREAS, he is president and founder of Ingeniería R-M and affiliates, one of the largest
9 construction groups in Panama; and

10 WHEREAS, from 1996 to 1998, Mr. Roy presided over the Blue Ribbon Engineering
11 Committee, a panel that together with the United States Army Corps of Engineers evaluated
12 the infrastructure of the Panama Canal and recommended improvements to the waterway;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Roy was a member of the Board of Directors of the Panama Canal
15 Authority from 1998 through 2007; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Roy was president of the Panama Construction Chamber (CAPAC); has
17 been a member of YPO/WPO for the last 25 years; and has served as a board member of the
18 City of Knowledge, an advisory board member of the Georgia Tech Panama Logistics
19 Innovation and Research Center, and a member of the Panamanian Chamber of Commerce
20 and Asociacion Panamena de Ejecutivos de Empresa; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Roy has been the recipient of several awards, including the Condecoración
22 Manuel Amador Guerrero (Gran Cruz), the highest civilian honor in Panama; the

23 Distinguished Engineering Alumnus from Georgia Tech; SPIA, Engineer of the Year; the
24 William Ross Honor Medal from the Panama Construction Chamber; two Panama Canal
25 Awards given by the ACP Board of Directors in recognition of his performance and
26 commitment as a former member of the board of directors and the Blue Ribbon Engineering
27 Committee, a group of well-known Panamanian engineers appointed by the Panama Canal
28 Commission Board of Directors to review the USACE's Panama Canal operation and
29 maintenance audit and to perform other engineering studies; and the Ordre national de la
30 Légion d'honneur; and

31 WHEREAS, the exemplary achievements of this distinguished individual whose pursuits in
32 the field of engineering have led to incredible success are worthy of recognition.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend Mr. Roberto Roy on his diligence in the field of
35 engineering, recognize and congratulate him on his many accolades, and invite him to be
36 recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker of
37 the House of Representatives.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Roberto Roy.