

House Resolution 356

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56th and Brooks of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending His Royal Majesty Oba Adejuyigbe Egundjobi Alladohonu Oyewole
2 Adefunmi II; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, His Royal Majesty Oba Adejuyigbe Egundjobi Alladohonu Oyewole Adefunmi
4 II, born December 21, 1976, to His Royal Highness Oba Efuntola Adefunmi I and Iya Esu
5 Ogo Oyewole, is the King of the Yoruba people in North America; and

6 WHEREAS, he was raised in the Kingdom of Oyotunji African Village, where he was
7 entrenched in the traditions and culture of his ancestors and rooted in the traditional lifestyle
8 of that village; and

9 WHEREAS, an accomplished drummer, he began drumming at the young age of seven and
10 has given many national and international performances; and

11 WHEREAS, by the time he graduated from the Yoruba Royal Academy, King Adejuyigbe
12 Adefunmi II was an initiate of several sacred Egbes (African societies), including Egbe
13 Egungun, Egbe Obatala, Egbe Onilu ayan, Egbe Akinkonju, and Igbody, the society of the
14 Fathers of Mystery in the worship of Orunmila; and

15 WHEREAS, his wide array of entrepreneurial skills and years of hard work and training in
16 carpentry and administration on Dopkwe, the state work force, led to the creation of the
17 "Royal Tribe Stucco Design" company; and

18 WHEREAS, he moved to Key West, Florida, in 2001, where he was an artist in residency
19 at the Lofton B. Sands African Bahamian Museum; and

20 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the design and construction of the African Exhibit at the
21 Lofton B. Sands African Bahamian Museum, made many valuable contributions to the

22 education and cultural expansion of the African American population in Key West, and gave
23 daily lectures to students from the schools in Monroe County, Florida; and

24 WHEREAS, he became the King of Oyotunji on July 3, 2005, and he aspires to increase the
25 practical value for ancient traditions today to all peoples and cultures of the world.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend His Royal Majesty Oba Adejuyigbe Egundjobi
28 Alladohonu Oyewole Adefunmi II, King of the Yoruba people in North America.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to His
31 Royal Majesty Oba Adejuyigbe Egundjobi Alladohonu Oyewole Adefunmi II.