

House Resolution 417

By: Representative Bruce of the 61<sup>st</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Charles Black on the active role he played in the civil rights movement; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, as a student at Morehouse College, Charles Black was an ardent participant in  
4 the Atlanta Student Movement and went to jail, picketed, and participated in marches in  
5 support of the civil rights movement; and

6 WHEREAS, he was the successor to Lonnie King, founding Chairman of the Atlanta Student  
7 Movement, and during his tenure implemented the agreement between the downtown  
8 merchants and the Atlanta Student Movement which called for the desegregation of lunch  
9 counters in September of 1961; and

10 WHEREAS, he led the negotiations which desegregated all white owned movie theaters in  
11 Downtown Atlanta and served as the editor of the *Atlanta Inquirer*; and

12 WHEREAS, he has appeared in approximately 20 movies and several TV dramas and his  
13 voice is used in numerous commercials throughout the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, he has been heavily involved in the NAACP and other organizations for the past  
15 50 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Charles Black was a leader in the paradigm shattering civil rights movement  
17 of the 1960s and remains staunchly committed today to the morals and values that were at  
18 the core of the movement.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body commend Charles Black on the active role he played in the civil  
21 rights movement and the work that he has performed in order to make this world a better one  
22 for generations to come.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
24 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
25 Charles Black.