

House Resolution 476

By: Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Smyre of the 135th, Abrams of the 89th, Hugley of the 136th, Thomas of the 56th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Valerie Montgomery Rice and inviting her to be recognized by the House
2 of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Valerie Montgomery Rice provides a valuable combination of experience
4 at the highest levels of patient care and medical research; and

5 WHEREAS, a Georgia native, Dr. Montgomery Rice holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry
6 from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a medical degree from Harvard Medical
7 School; she completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Emory University
8 School of Medicine, her fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at Hutzel
9 Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, and the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine program
10 at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

11 WHEREAS, she is the dean and sixth president of Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM)
12 and is the first woman to lead the free-standing medical institution; and

13 WHEREAS, as dean and executive vice president of MSM, she led MSM's widespread
14 academic and clinical programs in health sciences and led its strategic planning initiatives
15 for patient care, research, and community engagement; and

16 WHEREAS, she is the founder and former director of the Center for Women's Health
17 Research at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, where she also served as dean
18 of the School of Medicine and senior vice president of health affairs; and

19 WHEREAS, she has been honored with membership in the following: National Institute on
20 Minority Health and Health Disparities and Office of Research on Women's Health/ National
21 Institutes of Health advisory councils; Society for Women's Health Research board and
22 executive committee; March of Dimes board; Association of American Medical Colleges
23 Council of Deans Administrative board; FDA Advisory Committee for Reproductive Health

24 Drugs; American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, board examiner; Alpha Omega Alpha
25 Honor Medical Society; President's Commission on White House Fellowships Regional
26 Panelist Selection Committee; Every Life Matters, Every Dollar Counts Campaign chair,
27 National AIDS Fund board of trustees; National Aids Fund board of trustees, Wal-Mart
28 Healthcare Insights Panel chair; and Wal-Mart External Advisory Board; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Montgomery Rice has received numerous accolades, including the National
30 Coalition of 100 Black Women - Women of Impact, YWCA - Women of Achievement,
31 National Medical Association's President's Citation Award, American Medical Women's
32 Association Elizabeth Blackwell Medal, Working Mother Media Multicultural Women's
33 Legacy Award, Maternal Infant Health Outreach Program Award, and Vanderbilt University
34 Medical Center's Maternal Infant Health Outreach Worker Mentorship Award and The Links,
35 Inc. Portia Searcy Award; and

36 WHEREAS, her dedication to health care research, preventative care, and mentoring are
37 manifested in every aspect of her work and life, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that
38 the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be
39 appropriately recognized.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
41 the members of this body commend Dr. Valerie Montgomery Rice and invite her to be
42 recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the
43 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
45 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
46 Valerie Montgomery Rice.