

## House Resolution 821

By: Representatives Dawkins-Haigler of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Anderson of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, Dukes of the 154<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Sharper of the 177<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mrs. Dupe Atoki, the Director General of Consumer Protection Council  
2 (CPC); and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Dupe Atoki is a lawyer of over 35 years' experience in corporate and  
4 human rights law; she graduated from the Ahmadu Bello University and was admitted to the  
5 Nigerian Bar in 1978 and is also an alumnus of the Washington College of Law and Oxford  
6 University, United Kingdom; and

7 WHEREAS, she has served Nigeria in many capacities, including being a member of several  
8 presidential committees, a former Commissioner of the Nigerian National Human Rights  
9 Commission, and currently, the Director General of the Consumer Protection Council (CPC);  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, at the continental level, she served as a legal consultant in the drafting of  
12 several legal documents for the African Union and was a Commissioner of the African Union  
13 Commission on Human and People's Rights; and

14 WHEREAS, she was a Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Places of Detention in Africa and  
15 chaired the Committee for the Prevention of Torture in Africa; and

16 WHEREAS, she later rose to become the commission's chairperson, making her the first  
17 Nigerian woman to head an African Union Organ; as chairperson of the commission, she did  
18 not only transform its management, but she also eliminated the backlog of cases filed against  
19 African governments and delays in its decision making; and

20 WHEREAS, for her significant contributions to peacekeeping in the realm of human rights  
21 advocacy in Africa, Mrs. Atoki was conferred with the 2013 Gusi Peace Prize in Manila,  
22 Philippines; the award is the Asian counterpart of the Nobel Peace Prize, making her the first  
23 Nigerian and third African woman to receive it; and

24 WHEREAS, she has also received awards from the Open Society Foundation (OSF), the  
25 Nigerian Bar Association Human Rights Institute (NBAHRI), the Pan African Lawyers  
26 Union (PALU), and the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in recognition of her  
27 advocacy on human rights in the African Union (AU); and

28 WHEREAS, in 2014, she was recognized by her home state, the Kogi State Government,  
29 which honored her as an outstanding woman of the state, while her community, the Kabba  
30 Development Union, organized a civic reception for her in recognition of her achievements;  
31 she was presented with a Plaque of Honour in Kabba by his Majesty, Obaro of Kabba, Oba  
32 Dr. Michael Olobayo; and

33 WHEREAS, Mrs. Atoki, has demonstrated commitment and focus in the execution of her  
34 assignments in the Consumer Protection Council and has taken giant strides towards  
35 repositioning the agency for better performance.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
37 the members of this body commend Mrs. Dupe Atoki for her protection of human rights in  
38 Africa.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mrs.  
41 Dupe Atoki.