

House Resolution 852

By: Representatives Fludd of the 64th, Bruce of the 61st, Mitchell of the 88th, Mosby of the 83rd, and Alexander of the 66th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)
2 for its 100th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, laboring under the belief that historical truth would crush falsehoods and usher
4 in a new era of equality, opportunity, and racial democracy, Dr. Carter G. Woodson
5 established ASALH on September 9, 1915; and

6 WHEREAS, carrying on the work of its founder, ASALH is a learned society with a strong
7 network of national and international branches and partners of diverse and inclusive
8 membership; it continues speaking a fundamental truth to the world that Africans and
9 peoples of African descent are makers of history; and

10 WHEREAS, with the mission to promote, research, preserve, interpret, and disseminate
11 information about Black life, history, and culture to the global community, ASALH
12 endeavors to continue to tell the stories so that all people will have knowledge about and
13 recognize the contributions of people of African descent for centuries to come; and

14 WHEREAS, ASALH accomplishes its mission in a variety of ways, such as establishing the
15 annual theme for Black History Month; establishing, nurturing, and growing ASALH
16 branches, including campus-based branches and youth guilds; hosting history education
17 programs for youth, undergraduate, and graduate students; publishing and disseminating the
18 works of Dr. Carter G. Woodson and other notable historians via the *Journal of African*
19 *American History*, the *Black History Bulletin*, and *Fire!*; and supporting the education of
20 youth and school educators with toolkits and teacher curricula; and

21 WHEREAS, in honor of its 100 year anniversary, ASALH has chosen "A Century of Black
22 Life, History, and Culture" as the 2015 National Black History Theme and will celebrate this
23 milestone in Atlanta, Georgia, with year-long events; and

24 WHEREAS, the Annual Meeting and Conference will convene 2,000 historians, scholars,
25 educators, and lovers of history to participate in more than 150 workshop sessions, five
26 plenaries, six special Presidential Sessions, and a host of educational and cultural activities
27 throughout the Atlanta Metropolitan area; and

28 WHEREAS, the members of this body recognize Dr. Daryl Michael Scott, National
29 President; Ms. Sylvia Cyrus, Executive Director; and the members of the ASALH Executive
30 Council for bringing this commemorative event to Atlanta, Georgia.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend the Association for the Study of African American Life
33 and History on its 100th anniversary and for promoting and preserving information about
34 Black life, history, and culture for the global community.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
37 Association for the Study of African American Life and History.