

House Resolution 1031

By: Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Spencer of the 180th, Belton of the 112th, Benton of the 31st, Clark of the 98th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Encouraging the development of minority owned plasma centers; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, for many years, people have suffered from medical deficiencies which could
3 be controlled by drugs made from human plasma; and
- 4 WHEREAS, there are numerous U.S. Food and Drug Administration licensed plasma
5 donation centers in the United States; and
- 6 WHEREAS, statistics have shown that, in 2008, there were 18.8 million plasma donations
7 made in the United States at federally licensed plasma collection centers; and
- 8 WHEREAS, statistics have further shown that 20 million liters of plasma are used worldwide
9 every year to manufacture plasma protein therapies for patients with blood clotting disorders,
10 sickle cell disease, immune deficiencies, neurological disorders, pediatric HIV, hemophilia,
11 and Alzheimer's disease; and
- 12 WHEREAS, worldwide sales exceed \$8 billion annually and it is reported that over 80
13 percent of our country's plasma donations come from African Americans; and
- 14 WHEREAS, no African American owns a plasma collection center in the United States.
- 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body encourage the plasma collection industry to open up its markets
17 and allow equal opportunity for African Americans to participate in the process by executing
18 plasma collection agreements with them.
- 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
21 public and the press.