

## House Resolution 1397

By: Representatives Kaiser of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Gardner of the 57<sup>th</sup>, Beskin of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Bruce of the 61<sup>st</sup>, Waites of the 60<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Mr. Derreck Kayongo and congratulating him upon his appointment as the new  
2 CEO of the Center for Civil and Human Rights; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Derreck Kayongo is the new CEO of the Center for Civil and Human  
4 Rights; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Kayongo and his family fled a civil war in Uganda and settled in Kenya as  
6 refugees; and

7 WHEREAS, after immigrating to the United States, he founded the Global Soap Project, a  
8 program which takes partially used soap from hotels, recycles them into new bars of soap,  
9 and redistributes the bars to vulnerable populations around the world; and

10 WHEREAS, the Global Soap Project has partnered with Clean the World to create recycling  
11 plants in Las Vegas, Orlando, and Hong Kong with plans for expansion, has active  
12 distribution operations in over 90 countries, and has given away more than 5 million bars of  
13 soap to refugees and victims of humanitarian disasters like the 2010 Haitian earthquake and  
14 the 2015 Ebola health crisis in West Africa; and

15 WHEREAS, he also worked as the program director of the South African Peace Education  
16 Program at the American Friends Service Committee, regional director for Amnesty  
17 International, and regional field coordinator for the southeast region in the policy unit at  
18 CARE International; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Kayongo is a graduate of the prestigious Fletcher School of Law and  
20 Diplomacy at Tufts University and co-authored "The Roadmap to Success," where he  
21 focuses on understanding the instructive power of failure when building successful ventures.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body commend Mr. Derreck Kayongo for his work in improving  
24 communities around the globe and congratulate him upon his appointment as the CEO of the  
25 Center for Civil and Human Rights.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr.  
28 Derreck Kayongo.