

House Resolution 1533

By: Representatives Thomas of the 39th, Bentley of the 139th, Smith of the 41st, Jones of the 53rd, Kendrick of the 93rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Ms. Frances Oneymaechi Udukwu, the reigning Miss Africa USA; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Frances Oneymaechi Udukwu, a first generation African American with
4 Nigerian parentage, is a manifestation of a hybrid cultural upbringing, which has directly
5 influenced who she is today; and

6 WHEREAS, her cultural diversity has been an enriching and positive aspect of her
7 development and is reflective in her professional life; and

8 WHEREAS, as a results-driven professional with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health and
9 Health Care Systems Management from Temple University, she has three years' experience
10 across the health care sector in marketing, consulting, policy, research, insurance access, and
11 delivery of care; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Udukwu's work as a consultant has given her the opportunity to work in
13 a variety of settings on several different projects; she worked in the District of Columbia
14 Mayor's Office on African Affairs, performed qualitative policy research on the impact of
15 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) on the District's African immigrant
16 population, and most recently worked with veterans to positively impact their lives; and

17 WHEREAS, demonstrating a commitment to service and a career supporting the
18 underserved, Ms. Udukwu believes that the Miss Africa USA Pageant's mission, to assist
19 young African women trailblazers in seizing the opportunity that America presents to
20 advocate for the less fortunate, will best enable her to shine the spotlight on Nigeria, tell her
21 story, inspire others, and service humanity; and

22 WHEREAS, as the reigning Miss Africa USA, she has organized workshops to empower
23 young female entrepreneurs in the United States and in Nigeria; has been very outspoken
24 against domestic violence; has taken a stand in promoting cancer awareness, organizing

25 gatherings with cancer patients and survivors to donate custom-made wigs and hair pieces
26 for those who lost their hair during treatment; and has also organized a spa party for young
27 women to raise awareness of breast cancer and its prevention; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
29 remarkable and distinguished woman be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend Ms. Frances Onyemaechi Udukwu for her dedicated
32 public service to her community, state, and nation.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ms.
35 Frances Onyemaechi Udukwu.