

House Resolution 1584

By: Representatives Bennett of the 80th, Duncan of the 26th, Reeves of the 34th, Brockway of the 102nd, Mabra of the 63rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Calvin Johnson, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Calvin Johnson, Jr., was born to Calvin and Dr. Arica Johnson on
3 September 29, 1985, in Newnan, Georgia, and is the younger brother to Erica and the older
4 brother to Wali and Sarai; and
- 5 WHEREAS, during his senior year at Sandy Creek High School in Tyrone, Georgia, Mr.
6 Johnson was rated the number one player in Georgia by Rivals.com and was selected by the
7 *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* as a member of the first team all-state (AAAA); and
- 8 WHEREAS, after high school, Mr. Johnson chose to attend the Georgia Institute of
9 Technology where he was a three-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference member and the
10 recipient of two national wide receiver awards, the Fred Biletnikoff and Paul Warfield
11 Awards; and several of his football records still stand today; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was drafted second overall by the Detroit Lions in 2007 and was
13 a first team NFL All-Pro for three seasons who was selected to the NFL Pro-Bowl for six
14 consecutive seasons, 2010 - 2015; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson holds several Detroit Lions records, including most career
16 receptions, yards, and touchdowns; most receiving yards in a season; most receiving yards
17 in a game; and most receptions in a game; and
- 18 WHEREAS, in 2012, Mr. Johnson broke Jerry Rice's record for most receiving yards in a
19 season with 1,929 yards and holds numerous other NFL receiving records; and
- 20 WHEREAS, defined not only by his athletic ability and accolades on the field but also by his
21 outstanding community service efforts, Mr. Johnson and his family started the Calvin

22 Johnson, Jr., Foundation in 2008, an organization dedicated to helping at-risk youth and
23 providing financial assistance to community organizations; and

24 WHEREAS, the Foundation has awarded dozens of scholarships to deserving students, held
25 free football camps for children, fed countless families in Detroit and Atlanta, held toy drives
26 for and delivered care packages to homeless children and children with incarcerated parents,
27 helped raise funds to combat breast cancer, and much more; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson long ago established himself as an outstanding athlete and member
29 of society and has remained a superior role model to people all across Georgia, Michigan,
30 and beyond.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body recognize Mr. Calvin Johnson, Jr., for his extraordinary athletic
33 achievements, commend him on his work in the community, and wish him well in all of his
34 future endeavors.

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 Mr.
37 Calvin Johnson, Jr.