

House Resolution 445

By: Representatives Carter of the 92nd, Alexander of the 66th, Hugley of the 136th, Burnough of the 77th, Bazemore of the 63rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending M.O.B.B. United; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, M.O.B.B. United started out as a Facebook group where founder Depelsha
3 McGruder and her friends could share concerns and fears, as well as propose solutions to the
4 challenges their sons face; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the group has grown to more than 160,000 members and developed into an
6 organization for mothers to have the space to share fears about the tribulations their sons
7 endure and to fight for policy that will protect black boys and men from unwarranted and
8 excessive violence they have experienced by law enforcement; and
- 9 WHEREAS, this organization has established a positive reputation for its ability to
10 accommodate changes in relationships with law enforcement and the African American
11 community; and
- 12 WHEREAS, accomplishments of M.O.B.B. United include rallying at the 2016 Democratic
13 National Convention, initiating a letter writing campaign to fight to keep the officer that
14 killed Philando Castile on suspension, visiting with countless families and supporting those
15 who have lost their sons and family to excess violence at the hands of law enforcement, and
16 petitioning against the cabinet confirmation of nominees who had a track record that
17 indicated stalling if not regression of policies that would protect African American boys and
18 men; and
- 19 WHEREAS, M.O.B.B. United's ultimate goal is to bring about positive changes regarding
20 the treatment and perception of African American men and boys by law enforcement; and
- 21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
22 extraordinary organization be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend M.O.B.B. United for its many outstanding contributions
25 on behalf of the citizens of Georgia and extend best wishes for its continued growth,
26 development, and success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
29 M.O.B.B. United.