

House Resolution 1350

By: Representatives Bruce of the 61st, McClain of the 100th, Jackson of the 64th, Frazier of the 126th, Metze of the 55th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Nettie Washington Douglass; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Nettie Washington Douglass was born in Alabama and is the
3 great-granddaughter of Booker T. Washington, the great-great-granddaughter of Frederick
4 Douglass, and the first person to unite the bloodlines of these two great Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, Frederick Douglass freed himself from the chains of slavery; went on to become
6 an exemplary orator, author, journalist, statesman, and diplomat; was credited with
7 successfully urging Abraham Lincoln to issue the Emancipation Proclamation; and was
8 named the "father of the Civil Rights Movement"; and

9 WHEREAS, Booker T. Washington envisioned equal education for African Americans when
10 he established the Tuskegee Institute, which has now become one of America's most
11 prestigious historically black colleges and is known as Tuskegee University; he also founded
12 the National Business League and was an advisor to President Theodore Roosevelt; and

13 WHEREAS, Nettie is, additionally, the great-granddaughter of David T. Howard of Atlanta,
14 a very successful businessman and generous philanthropist and the first licensed African
15 American mortician in the State of Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, she is chairwoman of the Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives (FDI), an
17 abolitionist organization that combines lessons from the legacies of Douglass and
18 Washington and that was co-founded by direct descendants of these two great men; and

19 WHEREAS, the FDI has been a leader in the implementation of human trafficking
20 prevention education curricula in classrooms nationally since 2007, and its mission is to
21 advance freedom via knowledge and strategic action; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the contributions and service of Nettie
23 Washington Douglass be appropriately recognized in memory of Frederick Douglass and
24 Booker T. Washington.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Nettie Washington Douglass.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representative is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Nettie
29 Washington Douglass.