

House Resolution 1767

By: Representatives Thomas of the 39th, Carter of the 92nd, Bentley of the 139th, Dreyer of the 59th, and Sharper of the 177th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Queen Latifah; and for other purposes;

2 WHEREAS, Queen Latifah has been recognized as one of today's most dynamic and driven
3 public figures, owing to her exceptional talents in a variety of fields, including music, film,
4 business, and advertising; and

5 WHEREAS, her multifaceted career began in rap music, with the highly successful debut
6 album, *All Hail to the Queen*, which sold more than 1 million copies; and the single
7 "U.N.I.T.Y" earned Latifah her first Grammy award; and

8 WHEREAS, at the young age of 21, Latifah organized and became CEO of the Flavor Unit
9 Records and Management Company, headquartered in New Jersey; within two years, the
10 company had signed 17 rap and hip hop groups, including the very successful Naughty by
11 Nature; and that same year, her jazz and reggae influenced album, *Black Reign*, sold more
12 than a half million copies; and

13 WHEREAS, in the 1990s, Latifah branched out into acting, making her screen debut in Spike
14 Lee's interracial romance *Jungle Fever*; she went on to land a leading role in the
15 groundbreaking television show *Living Single*; and

16 WHEREAS, she continued to tackle both comedic and dramatic parts in numerous films,
17 including *Chicago*, in which her role as prison matron Mama Morton earned her an Academy
18 Award nomination for best supporting actress; and later, she starred in the HBO film, *Bessie*,
19 in which she portrayed the legendary singer Bessie Smith and was recognized for her work
20 with both Emmy and Golden Globe nominations; and

21 WHEREAS, she has made many guest television appearances on shows such as *30 Rock* and
22 *Single Ladies*, and she hosted her own daytime talk show for several seasons; and

23 WHEREAS, she also is a spokesperson for CoverGirl Cosmetics and has her own cosmetic
24 line with the company, The Queen Collection; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
26 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize and commend Queen Latifah for her accomplished
29 career and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
32 Queen Latifah.