

House Resolution 1609

By: Representatives Davis of the 87th, Thomas of the 56th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Shannon of the 84th, Scott of the 76th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 3, 2020, as Community Activist Day to acknowledge the unsung heroic
2 activists and their strength, selfless courage, and hopeful actions that create a positive and
3 much improved future; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Community Activist Day recognizes individuals with spirit, vision, values,
5 leadership, and transformational activism who create a better tomorrow for generations yet
6 to be born; and

7 WHEREAS, Community Activist Day will focus on "activism" and "activist," which are
8 terms that date back to the slave revolts of the first century BC in the Roman Empire and the
9 civil actions and new social movements of the 1960s in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, activists fight the status quo and challenge injustice to balance the scales of
11 justice; activists have a long history of changing the world through reform; and

12 WHEREAS, activists gather people together and build coalitions to tap into the power of
13 collaboration and collective strength to demand righteousness and change; collective action
14 that is purposeful, organized, and sustained over a period of time becomes known as a social
15 movement; and

16 WHEREAS, activists are inspirational leaders and role models who possess a mix of
17 unflagging effort, effective action, and tangible achievement and set a standard for other
18 activists to duplicate within communities; and

19 WHEREAS, activists advocate for fairness, transparency, ethics, and accessibility while
20 facilitating equity and diversity; they also advocate for all aspects of life, such as social
21 justice agendas, including, but not limited to, civil rights issues, economic development,
22 environmental justice, health policy, education, criminal justice, voting rights, international
23 affairs, labor, and youth development.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize April 3, 2020, as Community Activist Day, a day to
26 celebrate activists throughout history.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 public and the press.