

House Resolution 1950

By: Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Cannon of the 58th, Gilliard of the 162nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending former President Barack Obama on the opening of the Obama
2 Presidential Center; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Barack Obama, the 44th President of the United States, has dedicated his life
4 to public service, civic engagement, and the advancement of democratic ideals both within
5 this nation and across the globe; and

6 WHEREAS, born on August 4, 1961, in Honolulu, Hawaii, President Obama rose from
7 humble beginnings to become a historic and transformational leader, graduating from
8 Columbia University and Harvard Law School, where he served as the first African
9 American president of the Harvard Law Review; and

10 WHEREAS, prior to his presidency, he served as a community organizer on the South Side
11 of Chicago, a civil rights attorney, a constitutional law professor, and a member of the
12 Illinois State Senate and the United States Senate; and

13 WHEREAS, during his presidency from 2009 to 2017, President Obama led the nation
14 through one of the most challenging economic recoveries in modern history, expanded access

15 to healthcare through the Affordable Care Act, strengthened international alliances, and
16 championed equity, inclusion, and opportunity for all Americans; and

17 WHEREAS, President Obama made history as the first African American president of the
18 United States, inspiring millions across generations and around the world to believe in the
19 power of hope, unity, and civic responsibility; and

20 WHEREAS, the opening of the Obama Presidential Center marks a significant and historic
21 milestone, serving not only as a presidential library but also as a dynamic campus designed
22 to inspire leadership, community engagement, and social impact for generations to come; and

23 WHEREAS, located in Jackson Park on the South Side of Chicago, the Obama Presidential
24 Center will include a museum, library, public gathering spaces, and programming initiatives
25 focused on developing the next generation of leaders and change-makers; and

26 WHEREAS, through the work of the Obama Foundation, the center will foster global
27 citizenship, civic innovation, and youth leadership, continuing President Obama's enduring
28 commitment to empowering individuals and strengthening communities.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize and commend former President Barack Obama upon the
31 grand opening of the Obama Presidential Center as well as extend best wishes for continued
32 health and happiness.

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