

House Resolution 767

By: Representatives Holly of the 111th, Mitchell of the 106th, McLeod of the 105th, and Shannon of the 84th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Tamara Natalie Madden; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, originally from St. Andrew, Jamaica, Tamara Natalie Madden relocated to the
3 United States as an adolescent and studied at several universities before falling ill with IgA
4 nephropathy; while ill, she discovered her passion for art; and
- 5 WHEREAS, art helped Tamara heal emotionally, and after receiving a kidney transplant
6 from her brother, she participated in her first art exhibition in 2001; her first solo art
7 exhibition was in 2004; and
- 8 WHEREAS, after her solo exhibition, Tamara relocated to Atlanta, Georgia, where she
9 debuted an art series entitled "Kings & Queens," which focused on heightening the everyday
10 person; and
- 11 WHEREAS, her work continued to focus on recognizing nobility, honor, and respect in those
12 often overlooked by society, and her imagery often represented a power that exudes from
13 within; and

14 WHEREAS, several of her pieces are in the collection of different departments at Vanderbilt
15 University in Tennessee, the permanent collection of Alverno College in Milwaukee, and the
16 Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History; and

17 WHEREAS, Tamara was a fine art professor at Spelman College before her diagnosis of
18 stage four cancer and subsequent passing; and

19 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
20 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
21 her family and friends were admired by others; and

22 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
23 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,
24 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and talented woman, Tamara will long be remembered for her
26 influential art and love of family, friendship, and community, and she will be missed by all
27 who had the great fortune of knowing her.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Tamara Natalie Madden
30 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 family of Tamara Natalie Madden.