

House Resolution 536

By: Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Holly of the 116th, Okoye of the 102nd, Olaleye of the 59th, Cannon of the 58th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ayodeji Ibrahim Balogun; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, known as Wizkid, Ayodeji Ibrahim Balogun is a Nigerian recording artist,
3 songwriter, and performer who has earned numerous awards, honors, and accolades for his
4 artistic work and contributions to the Nigerian music industry; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he rose to prominence in 2010 with the release of the song "Holla at Your Boy"
6 from his debut album *Superstar*, which was released in 2011; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Wizkid went global in 2016 after his collaboration with Drake, "One Dance,"
8 soared to number one in 15 countries, resulting in a multi-album deal with RCA; and
- 9 WHEREAS, on October 30, 2020, Wizkid dropped his widely anticipated project *Made in*
10 *Lagos*, which is a 14-track project featuring collaborations with H.E.R., Damian Marley,
11 Burna Boy, and several others; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the record's fifth single, the Grammy-nominated "Essence," became a
13 worldwide hit, reaching number 17 in the United Kingdom and even becoming the first
14 Nigerian song to chart in the Billboard Hot 100; and

15 WHEREAS, Wizkid has further earned several endorsements with top brands, including
16 Globacom, Pepsi, Ciroc, UBA, Flutterwave, Tommy Hilfiger, Tecno, and Puma, as well as
17 a Grammy Award, BET Award, MOBO Award, and Billboard Music Award; and

18 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
19 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body recognize and commend Ayodeji Ibrahim Balogun for his
24 impressive and exemplary music career and extend best wishes for future health, happiness,
25 and success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
28 Ayodeji Ibrahim Balogun.