

House Resolution 607

By: Representative Cannon of the 58th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Calvin Peterson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, a long-time member of the grassroots organization Disabled in Action (DIA),
3 Calvin Peterson has been involved in disability advocacy for more than 40 years and has
4 been a leader in the fight for disability rights in New York City and beyond; and

5 WHEREAS, he has served DIA in various leadership positions and has been a strong
6 advocate for accessible public transportation, housing, and health care for people with
7 disabilities; and

8 WHEREAS, in addition to his work with DIA, he has further served as a representative to
9 the United Nations as well as a member of the New York State Independent Living Council,
10 a board member of the National Council on Independent Living, and a co-founder of the
11 Coalition of Disabled Musicians; and

12 WHEREAS, he has been recognized for his advocacy work with numerous awards, including
13 the Disability Rights and Independent Living Movement Award from the National Council
14 on Independent Living and the Justin Dart Award from the American Association of People
15 with Disabilities; and

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16 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high
17 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, Calvin Peterson possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through
19 experience and the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many
20 challenges of life; and

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

23 WHEREAS, he has witnessed a dramatic change in the world over the course of his lifetime
24 and we salute his contribution to its progress through his tireless efforts on behalf of his
25 community and state; and

26 WHEREAS, by the example Calvin Peterson has made of his life, he makes this world a
27 better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that he be appropriately
28 recognized during this very special and memorable time.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend Calvin Peterson for his unselfish, dedicated, and loving
31 service to the members of his family, community, and state; congratulate him on the
32 remarkable occasion of his 75th birthday; and extend their most sincere best wishes for
33 continued health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
36 Calvin Peterson.