House Resolution 1174

By: Representatives Bruce of the 61st and Jackson of the 68th

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing and commending Glynn Turman; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Glynn Turman was born on January 31, 1947, in New York City, New York; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed his first taste of success as a young teenager, originating the role of "Travis Younger" on Broadway in Lorraine Hansberry's landmark play *A Raisin in the Sun* in 1959 opposite Sidney Poitier, Ruby Dee, Claudia McNeil, and Diana Sands as his various family members; and

WHEREAS, he studied at Manhattan's renowned High School of Performing Arts, and, upon graduation, he apprenticed in regional companies throughout the country including Tyrone Guthrie's Repertory Theatre in which he performed in late 60s productions of *Good Boys*, *Harper's Ferry*, *The Visit*, and *The House of Atreus*; and

WHEREAS, he made his Los Angeles stage debut in Vinnette Carroll's *Slow Dance on the Killing Ground* and earned TV marks for appearances in *Daktari*, *Julia*, *Room 222*, a featured part in the TV movie *Carter's Army*, and a regular role on the prime-time soap opera *Peyton Place*; and

WHEREAS, an impressive 1974 performance in *The Wine Sellers* earned him a Los Angeles Critics Award nomination and a Dramalogue Award; and

WHEREAS, he won his first NAACP Image Award for his work in the play *Eyes of the American*; and

WHEREAS, a writer and stage director as well, he received his second NAACP Image award for his direction of *Deadwood Dick* at the Inner City Cultural Center; and

WHEREAS, he segued these directing talents to TV where he helmed several episodes of *The Parent 'Hood*, *Hanging with Mr.Cooper*, and *The Wayans Bros.* among others and also directed during his employment on *A Different World*, in which he played the role of Colonel Taylor for five seasons; and

WHEREAS, he began his film career in the 1970s with such "blaxploitation" flicks as *Honky* and *Five on the Black Hand Side*, then advanced to the cult classic *Cooley High* and such mainstream, audience-favorite movies as *Gremlins* and *How Stella Got Her Groove Back* along with the more critically acclaimed films *Kings of the Evening*, *Race*, and *Windows on the World*; and

WHEREAS, he won his third NAACP Image Award for the televison movie *Minstrel Man*; and

WHEREAS, he is married to Jo-Ann Allen and is the father of four children; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body recognize and commend Glynn Turman and honor him for his impressive body of work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Glynn Turman.