

House Resolution 168

By: Representatives Holly of the 116th, Berry of the 56th, and Bell of the 75th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. David A. Thomas upon his retirement from Morehouse
2 College; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. David A. Thomas has long been recognized for the vital role that he has
4 played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the students,
5 faculty, and staff of Morehouse College; and

6 WHEREAS, installed in 2018, Dr. Thomas led a dynamic, purpose-driven, and
7 record-breaking tenure as the 12th president of Morehouse College; and

8 WHEREAS, guided by his expertise, the college transitioned from experiencing structural
9 deficits to funding significant campus projects, enhancing its technology infrastructure, and
10 offering competitive pay to its employees; and

11 WHEREAS, he oversaw an unprecedented fund-raising acceleration that has generated over
12 \$240 million, a giving total higher than any other president in the college's 157 year-long
13 history; and

14 WHEREAS, due to his exemplary leadership, Morehouse College has extended its reach by
15 launching its first online degree programs and has amplified its positioning as a center of
16 intellectual discourse and social engagement in areas such as global leadership, professional
17 equity, social justice, and innovation; and

18 WHEREAS, the strategic theme of "Morehouse Beyond Borders" has included milestone
19 successes such as the creation of the Center for Black Entrepreneurship with the Black
20 Economic Alliance and Spelman College as well as the establishment of both the Black
21 Men's Research Institute and the Andrew Young Center for Global Leadership's Higher
22 Education in Prisons program; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this distinguished individual be
24 appropriately honored.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. David A. Thomas for his efficient,
27 effective, unselfish, and dedicated service as the 12th president of Morehouse College;
28 congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best
29 wishes for continued health and happiness.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
32 David A. Thomas.