

## House Resolution 470

By: Representatives Schofield of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, Holly of the 116<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Okoye of the 102<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Olori Atuwatse III; and for other purposes.
  
- 2 WHEREAS, Olori Atuwatse III, Queen Consort of the Warri Kingdom, has redefined the  
3 role of monarchy by using her platform to advance education, healthcare, economic  
4 opportunities, and cultural preservation, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to the  
5 well-being of her people; and
  
- 6 WHEREAS, she is a distinguished leader, lawyer, and philanthropist dedicated to fostering  
7 education, gender equity, and sustainable development across Africa in alignment with the  
8 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals; and
  
- 9 WHEREAS, Olori Atuwatse III is the visionary founder of Elevate Africa, a transformative  
10 initiative that promotes leadership, collaboration, and economic empowerment, inspiring  
11 young entrepreneurs and change-makers to re-imagine Africa's future; and
  
- 12 WHEREAS, through the Royal Iwere Foundation, she has spearheaded impactful  
13 philanthropic programs such as the Teacher's Training Programme and the Captain Idahosa  
14 Wells Okunbo STEM and Innovation Lab, equipping educators and youth with essential  
15 skills for progress; and

16 WHEREAS, a steadfast advocate for women's empowerment, she has further launched  
17 initiatives such as EstablishHer and Women Allying Women, providing mentorship, funding,  
18 and support to female entrepreneurs and leaders; and

19 WHEREAS, her dedication to cultural preservation and environmental stewardship is evident  
20 through her reforestation campaigns, sustainable development efforts, and cultural festivals  
21 celebrating the heritage of the Warri Kingdom; and

22 WHEREAS, Olori Atuwatse III has received numerous prestigious accolades, including the  
23 Freedom of the City of London, the President's Lifetime Achievement Award, and  
24 recognition among the 100 Most Influential African Women; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this exemplary leader be appropriately  
26 honored during this special time.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body recognize Olori Atuwatse III, Queen Consort of the Warri  
29 Kingdom, for her exceptional contributions to the development of Africa, the well-being of  
30 her citizens, and global leadership as well as extend best wishes for her continued success.

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 Olori  
33 Atuwatse III.