

House Resolution 518

By: Representatives Okoye of the 102nd, McClain of the 109th, Beckles of the 96th, Adeyina of the 110th, and Jones of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Terrence J. Roberts; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Terrence J. Roberts, a distinguished psychologist, educator, and civil rights
3 activist, played a pivotal role in American history as one of the Little Rock Nine, the
4 courageous group of African American students who integrated Central High School in Little
5 Rock, Arkansas, in 1957; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he has dedicated 40 years to the field of psychology, practicing as a clinical
7 psychologist from 1975 to 2015 in Deer Park and Pasadena, California, while also serving
8 as director of mental health services at St. Helena Hospital and Health Center from 1977 to
9 1985; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Dr. Roberts has served in higher education as assistant dean of student services
11 at UCLA's School of Social Welfare from 1985 to 1993 and as department chair and faculty
12 member in psychology at Antioch University, Los Angeles, from 1993 to 2008; and
- 13 WHEREAS, as CEO of Terrence Roberts Consulting, a management consulting firm
14 originally founded as Terrence J. Roberts and Associates in 1975, he has worked to promote

15 fair and equitable practices in business and industry, assisting management personnel in
16 creating workplaces conducive to employee growth and development; and

17 WHEREAS, a passionate advocate for racial equity, Dr. Roberts has lectured and consulted
18 extensively on race and its impact on American society, believing that true progress requires
19 the collective rejection of racism; and

20 WHEREAS, he has further engaged with educators, law enforcement personnel, and other
21 professionals to deepen their understanding of social justice, historical context, and the
22 effects of racial bias on contemporary society; and

23 WHEREAS, in recognition of his exemplary contributions to civil rights and American
24 society, Dr. Roberts has been presented with numerous prestigious awards, including the
25 Congressional Gold Medal, the Pere Marquette Discovery Award, the Spingarn Medal, and
26 the Robert S. Abbott Award; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
28 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately honored.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Terrence J. Roberts for his invaluable
31 contributions to civil rights, education, and social justice as well as extend best wishes for
32 future health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
35 Terrence J. Roberts.