

House Resolution 616

By: Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd, Beckles of the 96th, Park of the 107th, and Clark of the 108th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Francis Malan Yao; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Mr. Francis Malan Yao on February 9, 2025; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Francis Malan Yao was born on April 8, 1945, in Assinie-Mafia, Cote
5 d'Ivoire; and
- 6 WHEREAS, from 1977 to 2000, Mr. Francis Malan Yao served with the United States
7 Embassy in Cote d'Ivoire, where he served as a Monitor Extraordinaire and Shift Supervisor
8 at the United States Foreign Broadcasting Information Service (FBIS); and
- 9 WHEREAS, as one of the founding members of the FBIS in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, he
10 played a pivotal role in overseeing personnel and assets, as well as coordinating United
11 States Embassy's bureau coverage of significant regional events across Africa, including
12 wars, coups, and natural disasters; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in 2002, Mr. Francis Malan Yao moved to the United States, where his
14 expertise and commitment were instrumental in training monitors in new FBIS bureaus

15 across various countries, further solidifying his reputation as a respected leader and mentor;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, in 2008, Mr. Francis Malan Yao settled in Atlanta, Georgia, where he became
18 an active and cherished member of the diaspora community; and

19 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, and was blessed with eight
20 remarkable children who carry forward his legacy of service, integrity, and community
21 engagement; and

22 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
23 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
24 family and friends were admired by others; and

25 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
26 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
27 made this world a better place in which to live; and

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Francis Malan Yao will long be
29 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
30 had the great fortune of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Francis Malan Yao
33 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

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 the
36 family of Mr. Francis Malan Yao.