

House Resolution 901

By: Representatives Bell of the 75th, Willis of the 55th, Myles of the 126th, Crawford of the 89th, Bennett of the 94th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending AJ Calloway; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, AJ Calloway is a distinguished journalist, cultural influencer, and media
3 professional renowned for his compelling interviews with global humanitarians, political
4 figures, and entertainment icons; and

5 WHEREAS, he first gained national recognition as the original co-host of *106 & Park: BET's*
6 *Top Ten Live*, a groundbreaking music countdown show that became a cultural phenomenon
7 and the highest-rated program on BET, shaping a generation of music and entertainment
8 enthusiasts; and

9 WHEREAS, following his success at BET, AJ Calloway transitioned to *EXTRA*, a nationally
10 syndicated entertainment news program, where he served as co-host for 15 years, earning
11 critical acclaim and contributing to the show's Daytime Emmy Awards for Outstanding
12 Entertainment News Program in 2014 and 2016; and

13 WHEREAS, AJ Calloway currently serves as CEO of Collective Professional Resource
14 Group, a consulting firm specializing in marketing, strategic partnerships, brand
15 development, and event production, as well as leader of Off the Plantation Productions Inc.,

16 a production company dedicated to amplifying untold, dynamic stories of African
17 Americans; and

18 WHEREAS, a proud alumnus of Howard University, AJ Calloway is dedicated to education
19 and mentorship, serving on the Dean's Advisory Board at Rutgers New Jersey Medical
20 School and as Vice-Chairman of the Thomas W. Dortch Jr. Foundation, which empowers
21 underserved youth; and

22 WHEREAS, he is a dedicated advocate for mental health awareness, serving on the board
23 of Silence the Shame Inc., and has furthered education by teaching Howard University's first
24 graduate-level course on hip-hop culture and public history pro bono; and

25 WHEREAS, AJ Calloway's lifelong commitment to service is reflected in his affiliations as
26 a Life Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., a Prince Hall Mason at W.C. Thomas
27 Lodge No. 112, and an active member of 100 Black Men of America Inc.; and

28 WHEREAS, above all his professional and civic achievements, AJ Calloway cherishes his
29 role as a devoted husband and father of three, finding his greatest joy in faith and family; and

30 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that AJ Calloway's outstanding career, dedication to
31 community service, and commitment to uplifting others be recognized and honored.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend AJ Calloway for his exceptional contributions to media,
34 education, and community empowerment as well as extend best wishes for his continued
35 success.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to AJ
38 Calloway.