

House Resolution 1194

By: Representatives Park of the 107th, Drenner of the 85th, Cannon of the 58th, Barnes of the 86th, and Lim of the 98th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Lara S. Martin, MA, MPH, for her exceptional service and leadership in
2 advancing global health, humanitarian response, and human rights; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lara S. Martin, MA, MPH, is an accomplished global public health, disaster
4 management, and humanitarian leader with more than 17 years of experience advancing
5 community-centered programs in complex and resource-limited settings; and

6 WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished career, Ms. Martin has exemplified compassion,
7 integrity, and a steadfast commitment to improving the lives of the most vulnerable across
8 the globe; and

9 WHEREAS, she has managed United States–funded health and nutrition programs in Sudan
10 and South Sudan, co-led the design of the World Health Organization's first remote
11 surveillance system in Syria, and co-authored the *Inter-Agency Field Manual for*
12 *Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings* (IAFM), a foundational text that continues
13 to guide lifesaving care for women and families worldwide; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Martin also contributed to the chapter on "Health and Human Rights in
15 Conflict and Emergencies" in *Foundations of Global Health and Human Rights*, the first
16 comprehensive textbook integrating human rights and public health frameworks; and

17 WHEREAS, her career includes leadership roles at Save the Children, the United Methodist
18 Committee on Relief, the Center for Complex Humanitarian Emergencies at Emory
19 University, and The Carter Center, where she has built strong partnerships, stewarded donors,
20 and elevated community voices in every role she has undertaken; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Martin's service extends beyond the global stage to her local community,
22 where she currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors for Positive Impact Health
23 Centers in Atlanta, Georgia, leading efforts to promote health equity and compassionate care
24 for individuals impacted by HIV; and

25 WHEREAS, her remarkable achievements are rooted in the values instilled by her parents,
26 James Lawrence Martin Jr. and Carol Sue Martin, both retired public school teachers, the
27 latter having served in the classroom for an extraordinary 47 years; and

28 WHEREAS, Lara S. Martin's professional excellence, humanitarian vision, and devotion to
29 public service reflect the highest ideals of leadership and love for humanity, making it fitting
30 and proper that she be appropriately honored for her many contributions to global and
31 community health.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend Lara S. Martin, MA, MPH, for her years of outstanding
34 service and leadership in advancing public health, humanitarian assistance, and human rights

35 as well as extend the most sincere best wishes for continued success and fulfillment in all
36 future endeavors.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Lara
39 S. Martin, MA, MPH.