

## House Resolution 1594

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58<sup>th</sup>, Berry of the 56<sup>th</sup>, McClain of the 109<sup>th</sup>, and Holly of the 116<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Daniel Black; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Black is a nationally renowned and award-winning novelist, scholar,  
3 and community leader; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Black, who lives in Atlanta, is a professor of African American studies and  
5 English at his alma mater Clark Atlanta University as well as at Morehouse College, where  
6 he has mentored writers and scholars since 1993; and
- 7 WHEREAS, a prolific writer, his literary works include *They Tell Me of a Home*, *The Sacred*  
8 *Place*, *Perfect Peace*, *Twelve Gates to the City*, *The Coming*, and *Listen to the Lambs*, among  
9 many others; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Dr. Black has been nominated for the Townsend Literary Prize, the Ernest J.  
11 Gaines Award, the Ferro-Grumley Literary Prize, the Lambda Literary Award, and the  
12 Georgia Author of the Year Prize; in addition, he was awarded the Writer's Award from the  
13 Middle-Atlantic Writers Association; and

14 WHEREAS, his novel, *Perfect Peace*, was chosen as the 2014 selection for "If All Arkansas  
15 Read the Same Book" by the Arkansas Center for the Book at the Arkansas State Library as  
16 well as earned him Author of the Year in 2011 from the Go on Girl! Book Club; and

17 WHEREAS, he is the founder of the Ndugu and Nzinga Rites of Passage Nation, a mentoring  
18 society that teaches character and the principles to African-American youth; and

19 WHEREAS, in May 2024, Dr. Daniel Black delivered a viral commencement speech address  
20 for Clark Atlanta University, where he shared an encouraging message to graduates that  
21 assured them that their accomplishments made them part of a legacy; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the remarkable accomplishments of this  
23 extraordinary gentleman be appropriately honored.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Daniel Black for his outstanding  
26 impact on the State of Georgia and extend their sincere best wishes for his continued health,  
27 happiness, and success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.  
30 Daniel Black.