

House Resolution 1616

By: Representatives McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Beckles of the 96th, and Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Dr. Richard D. Myles, Sr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Richard D. Myles, Sr., a proud Washington, D.C., native, is a visionary
3 entrepreneur, chaplain, educator, and nationally recognized sports executive who has
4 dedicated over three decades to transforming lives through athletics, mentorship, and
5 community service; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1993, Dr. Myles founded the Minor Football League (MFL), the nation's only
7 professional minor football league, known as the "Laboratory of Change," creating a
8 structured pathway for athletes to transition from the field to leadership and executive
9 opportunities; and

10 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Minor Football League has expanded to 32 franchises,
11 serving as a national platform for athletic excellence, professional development, discipline,
12 and opportunity; and

13 WHEREAS, as a former NFL athlete and Sociology graduate of Arizona State University,
14 Dr. Myles has developed and implemented initiatives focused on drug prevention, violence
15 reduction, youth conflict resolution, and mentorship; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Myles serves as President, CEO, and Board Chair of the MFL Foundation,
17 dedicated to outreach, education, prevention programming, and the empowerment of
18 underserved communities; and

19 WHEREAS, his extraordinary lifetime of volunteerism and civic engagement earned him the
20 prestigious President's Lifetime Achievement Award, a distinguished national honor
21 established during the administration of Barack Obama and continued under Joe Biden,
22 representing a bipartisan federal recognition of sustained service, civic responsibility, and
23 measurable community impact; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Myles has received numerous honors for leadership and business
25 excellence, including recognition as one of "America's Best and Brightest" businessmen by
26 Dollars and Sense Magazine, Volunteer of the Year by the Greater Washington Chapter of
27 the National Urban League, Sports Icon Legacy Award recipient at the Black Men Rock
28 Image Awards, and Legacy Award honoree at the 2025 Black Sports Business Symposium
29 Awards Ceremony; and

30 WHEREAS, he has served on the Montgomery County Police Chief Advisory Board and
31 contributed to mentorship and youth development programs, demonstrating consistent civic
32 leadership; and

33 WHEREAS, as a devoted father of five and lifelong servant leader, Dr. Myles continues to
34 exemplify integrity, perseverance, innovation, and national impact through sports, business
35 leadership, mentorship, and chaplaincy.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body honor Dr. Richard D. Myles, Sr., for his extraordinary

38 contributions to professional sports development, youth empowerment, and national civic
39 leadership; congratulate him upon his receipt of the President's Lifetime Achievement
40 Award; and celebrate Dr. Myles as a model of excellence and transformational leadership
41 whose work strengthens families, communities, and future generations.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
44 Richard D. Myles, Sr.