

House Resolution 1620

By: Representatives Bell of the 75th, Berry of the 56th, Holly of the 116th, McQueen of the 61st, Jones of the 60th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Morehouse Boxing Club; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Morehouse Boxing Club was founded in 2021 by Jacobey D. Bell in the
3 lobby of Perdue Hall at Morehouse College; and
- 4 WHEREAS, as a product of the Guns Down Hands Up Boxing Gym, Mr. Bell was inspired
5 by the discipline, structure, and principles instilled in him through boxing, which motivated
6 him to establish a program that would offer similar guidance and opportunity to other young
7 men; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the club began humbly yet boldly, frequently filling the lobby of Perdue Hall
9 for meetings, practices, and sparring tournaments, demonstrating immediate student interest
10 and engagement; and
- 11 WHEREAS, despite facing early challenges and administrative reprimands for hosting
12 practices and sparring tournaments on campus, the club persevered through determination
13 and commitment; and

14 WHEREAS, Morehouse College Chief of Police Charles Prescott intervened in support of
15 the organization, becoming its first official advisor and helping ensure that meetings and
16 competitions could be conducted safely and in accordance with campus policy; and

17 WHEREAS, through years of hard work, loyalty, and dedication, the Morehouse Boxing
18 Club earned the opportunity to compete in the 2025 United States Intercollegiate Boxing
19 Association (USIBA) National Tournament; and

20 WHEREAS, in the face of adversity and strong national competition, the team distinguished
21 itself by earning two championship belts, won by Kaleb Hudson and Elijah McClean; and

22 WHEREAS, the Morehouse Boxing Club proudly became the first Historically Black
23 College or University to enter and win at the USIBA National Tournament, establishing a
24 historic milestone for HBCUs nationwide; and

25 WHEREAS, the organization now seeks to return to the 2026 USIBA National Tournament
26 in Las Vegas, Nevada, with both returning athletes and new competitors representing
27 Morehouse College and the State of Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, the mission of the Morehouse Boxing Club is to engage the community on and
29 off campus by promoting discipline, physical fitness, mentorship, and healthy lifestyles as
30 positive alternatives for young people; and

31 WHEREAS, the club regularly visits local middle and high schools to present boxing not
32 only as a competitive sport but also as a pathway to higher education and leadership
33 development; and

34 WHEREAS, the organization is actively working to secure scholarship opportunities to
35 enable young athletes to attend Morehouse College and further their academic and athletic
36 aspirations; and

37 WHEREAS, the following student athletes exemplify the Morehouse Boxing spirit of
38 dedication, fitness, scholarship, and mentorship: Ethan Stevenson, Senior, Economics Major,
39 Baltimore, Maryland, 147 pounds Beginner Division, third place with a 1 and 1 record, who
40 aspires to pursue a career in finance and establish his own investment and wealth
41 management firm; Alofameni Galoia, Junior, Business Major, Pavaiai, Tutuila, 165 pounds
42 Beginner Division, who aspires to home ownership and entrepreneurship; Joshua Callahan,
43 Freshman, Biology Major, Atlanta, Georgia, 154 pounds Beginner Division, who plans to
44 pursue a career in hematology within the medical profession; Elijah McClean, Sophomore,
45 Business Administration Major with a concentration in Marketing, Brooklyn, New York, 165
46 pounds Open Division Champion with a 1 and 0 record; Emmanuel Seifu, Freshman,
47 Kinesiology Major, Marietta, Georgia, 154 pounds Open Division with a 3 and 2 record, who
48 aspires to pursue professional boxing and become a Physician Assistant; Kaleb Hudson,
49 Junior, Biology Major, Lithonia, Georgia, 140 pounds Beginner Division Champion, who
50 aspires to pursue a career in psychedelic research and holistic health entrepreneurship;
51 Breonne Dupree, Sophomore, Dual Degree Engineering Major, Atlanta, Georgia, 132 pounds
52 Beginner Division, who aspires to become a hardware engineer at an impactful technology
53 company and open a consignment business; and Chad Pitts, Junior, Economics Major,
54 Atlanta, Georgia, 135 pounds Open Division, who aspires to pursue a professional boxing
55 career following graduation.

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
57 the members of this body commend the Morehouse Boxing Club for its historic

58 achievements, dedication to mentorship and community engagement, and for representing
59 Morehouse College and the State of Georgia with excellence and distinction.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
61 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
62 Morehouse Boxing Club.