

House Resolution 2062

By: Representatives Romman of the 97th, Miller of the 62nd, Holly of the 116th, McQueen of the 61st, and Cannon of the 58th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Ayisha Jeffries; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ayisha Jeffries was born on February 26, 1951; and
- 3 WHEREAS, a Jersey City native, Ayisha Jeffries relocated to Atlanta, Georgia, to serve in
4 the administration of the late Mayor Maynard Holbrook Jackson as a Budget Policy Analyst
5 and Legislative Review/Governmental Affairs Liaison; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she was a graduate of North Carolina A&T State University in economics and
7 had an M.A. from Milano School of International Affairs, Management, and Urban Policy,
8 the New School, New York; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she served as Vice President of Global Affairs and Senior Policy Advisor to the
10 President of the African American Islamic Institute, Senegal, West Africa (AII), on the
11 Muslim World Outreach in the United States and Europe, helping lead sustainable
12 development that promotes education, health care, the empowerment of women and children,
13 the alleviation of poverty, and the promotion of peace; and

14 WHEREAS, Ayisha Jeffries managed a portfolio of 35 global partnerships to facilitate the
15 AAI mission, including its ongoing collaborations with AmeriCares, resulting in over \$1B
16 dollars in medicine and supplies distributed throughout Africa via the Institute's Shifa Al
17 Asqam Social Medical Center, the funding of the Fayda radio station located in Medina Baye
18 to the tune of \$600,000 dollars, a collaboration with the United States Embassy, Senegal and
19 its \$250,000 Mobile Clinic Public Health initiative with United States Doctors for Africa:
20 "Building Bridges: Making the possible from the impossible," along with many other
21 initiatives throughout Africa and the United States—she was the organization's main
22 representative to the United Nations Economic and Social Council; and

23 WHEREAS, she was named the Chief Strategy Officer for the Darultul Kitabi wal Hikmati,
24 an international non-governmental organization chaired by Imam Shaykh Ahmad Tijani, the
25 Chief Imam of the Grand Mosque of Medina Baye Kaolack, Senegal West Africa; and

26 WHEREAS, in her many civic roles at her home base of Atlanta, Ayisha Jeffries served as
27 Co-Chair of the Congressman John Lewis Commemorative Plaza and the John Lewis Task
28 Force, a consult to Nasrul Ilm America and Camp Butterfly Girls, and a member of the
29 ASMA Society, Global Muslim Women's Fund, The Shura Counsel, and The Sufi Society;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, she was an avid supporter of the High Museum, the Dance Theater of Harlem,
32 and AID Atlanta; and

33 WHEREAS, Ayisha Jeffries was a recipient of many awards and a mentor to emerging
34 leaders in political activism.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Ayisha Jeffries and express
37 their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
40 public and the press.