

House Resolution 1178

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Smyre of the 135th, Nguyen of the 89th, Burnough of the 77th, Lopez of the 99th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Bettina L. Love on her myriad impressive academic
2 accomplishments; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Bettina L. Love, Associate Professor of Educational Theory and Practice
4 at the University of Georgia, has conducted wide-ranging research, including research on hip
5 hop music and culture in relation to urban youth, especially of elementary age, and how
6 educational institutions, parents, and communities may build communal, civically engaged,
7 anti-racist, anti-homophobic, anti-sexist, and equitable learning environments; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Love in 2016 was named the Nasir Jones Hiphop Fellow at the Hutchins
9 Center for African and African American Research at Harvard University; and

10 WHEREAS, as founder of Real Talk: Hip Hop Education for Social Justice, Dr. Love
11 provides an after-school environment for teaching elementary students the history and
12 elements of hip hop for social justice through project based learning; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Love enjoys high demand as a speaker on a plethora of issues including hip
14 hop, sexuality, feminism, diversity, and art based education to foster youth civic engagement;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Love's prolific scholarly endeavors include publishing *Hip Hop's Li'l Sistas*
17 *Speak: Negotiating Hip Hop Identities and Politics in the New South*, editing a special issue
18 of the *Journal of Lesbian Studies* focused on the identities, gender performances, and
19 pedagogical practices of minority lesbian educators, publication in numerous other books and
20 journals, and work on her second book, *We Want to Do More than Survive: A Pedagogy of*
21 *Mattering*.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Bettina L. Love on her myriad

24 impressive academic accomplishments and extend their most sincere best wishes for her
25 continued success in educating citizens of all ages.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
28 Bettina L. Love.