

## House Resolution 1182

By: Representatives McClain of the 109<sup>th</sup>, Okoye of the 102<sup>nd</sup>, Adeyina of the 110<sup>th</sup>, Hutchinson of the 106<sup>th</sup>, Mughal of the 105<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Dr. Pat Houston; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, this legislative body takes great pride in recognizing individuals who exemplify  
3 unwavering commitment to positive change, mentorship, and philanthropy; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Pat Houston, the esteemed president and CEO of WhitNip Inc., executor  
5 to the Estate of Whitney E. Houston, and founder of the Dr. Pat Houston Performing Arts  
6 Academy, has been appointed as a peace ambassador to the United Nations for Trinity Girls  
7 Network Corp., holding Special Consultative ECOSOC Status with the United Nations; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Pat Houston has played a pivotal role in collaborating with Trinity Girls  
9 Network Corp. to bring about positive change in the lives of girls in Zambia, Africa, through  
10 innovative initiatives such as online mentoring programs with the added opportunity for  
11 physical visits to Zambia; and

12 WHEREAS, boasting more than 40 years of experience in promotions, marketing, and  
13 management, Dr. Pat Houston has demonstrated exemplary leadership as the president of the  
14 Whitney E. Houston Legacy Foundation and the founder and chairman of Teen Summit, a  
15 nonprofit organization inspiring teens and young adults; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Pat Houston has managed the stellar career of the legendary Whitney  
17 Houston for more than two decades, showcasing her expertise in strategic corporate  
18 relationships and negotiations, including spearheading the highest paid record deal in music  
19 history for \$100 million dollars in 2003; and

20 WHEREAS, her distinguished career as an executive and producer includes serving as one  
21 of the executive producers of the 2018 Kevin Macdonald documentary film *WHITNEY*; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Pat Houston's impact extends beyond the entertainment industry as she has  
23 successfully sealed partnerships such as a deal with Primary Wave resulting in a Limited  
24 Edition Whitney Houston Cosmetic Line, a signature Whitney Houston Perfume, and her  
25 first-ever NFT that sold for more than \$1 million dollars; and

26 WHEREAS, from her roots in Shelby, North Carolina, Dr. Pat Houston's journey includes  
27 achievements such as receiving an athletic and liberal arts scholarship for Gardner Webb  
28 University and studying at the Paris Institute, ranking in the top 3 percent of her class and  
29 becoming a successful model; and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. Pat Houston's commitment to community service is evident through her  
31 establishment of the nonprofit organization Teen Summit, aimed at rebuilding, repairing, and  
32 restoring the lives of teens and young adults as well as providing them with essential life  
33 management skills; and

34 WHEREAS, to further support her community, Dr. Pat Houston created the Celebrity  
35 Consignment Boutique, offering a unique and exciting business model, with closet donations  
36 from notable personalities, the proceeds of which benefit the Teen Summit Mentoring  
37 Academy in Shelby; and

38 WHEREAS, Dr. Pat Houston's dedication to her community is underscored by the annual  
39 Teen Summit in Shelby, where local and international celebrities engage with hundreds of  
40 youth and young adults, fostering positive connections and relationships; and

41 WHEREAS, not only has Dr. Pat Houston contributed to her community through her  
42 business ventures but she has also authored books including *Tribute To An Icon* and *A Better*  
43 *You*, exemplifying her commitment to shaping a better future for the next generation; and

44 WHEREAS, Dr. Pat Houston's philanthropic efforts continue with the worldwide release of  
45 her personal candle line MARION P. Candles, inspired by Whitney Houston, with proceeds  
46 benefiting the Teen Summit Mentoring Academy.

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
48 the members of this body congratulate Dr. Pat Houston on her distinguished appointment as  
49 a peace ambassador to the United Nations; acknowledge her significant contributions to  
50 global peace, mentorship, and philanthropy; and commend her for receiving an honorary PhD  
51 from TIUA for her outstanding philanthropic work.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
53 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.  
54 Pat Houston.