

House Resolution 1188

By: Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Willis of the 55th, Carpenter of the 4th, Reese of the 140th, Olaleye of the 59th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Michael S. "Killer Mike" Render; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Michael S. Render, better known by his stage name "Killer Mike," is a
3 renowned American rapper, actor, and activist who has a long and consistent record of
4 service to the community and to this state; and

5 WHEREAS, his 2023, album *Michael* introduced the world to the totality of Michael S.
6 Render, earning him three Grammys along the way for Best Rap Album and Best Rap Song
7 and Best Rap Performance for *Scientists & Engineers*; and

8 WHEREAS, the album provides a complex portrait of Black southern masculinity; it is an
9 audio autobiography about a lifelong rap fiend whose consciousness is steeped in the sounds
10 of the family and community that raised him, spanning multiple eras of southern rap flows,
11 Sunday church services, and barbershop discourse; and

12 WHEREAS, he is also renowned as a social and political activist, focusing on subjects such
13 as social inequality, police brutality, and systemic racism, which earned him *Billboard's*
14 inaugural 2020 Change Maker Award; and

15 WHEREAS, he has also delivered several lectures at colleges and universities, written about
16 social justice topics for publications such as *Billboard*, and been the subject of multiple
17 interviews regarding police misconduct and race relations; and

18 WHEREAS, he has a burgeoning presence in televised media from his own Emmy Award
19 winning show *Love and Respect*, to cameos on *Ozark* and *Billions*, to regular appearances
20 on the *Late Show with Stephen Colbert* and *Real Time with Bill Maher*; and

21 WHEREAS, the documentary series *Trigger Warning with Killer Mike*, in which he explores
22 issues in the United States that affect the black community, premiered on Netflix in January
23 of 2019; and

24 WHEREAS, this outstanding individual has had a tremendous impact on his community
25 through his spirit of service and desire to improve the quality of life in the Atlanta area; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
27 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Michael S. "Killer Mike" Render,
30 congratulate him on winning three Grammys, and thank him for his efforts of behalf of his
31 community and state.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
34 Michael S. "Killer Mike" Render.