

House Resolution 1202

By: Representative Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 27, 2024, as Dr. Derricka Harwell Day; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Derricka Harwell, an award-winning, best-selling author and the esteemed
3 CEO of BeautifyCredit.com and Derricka Harwell Enterprises, has demonstrated exceptional
4 leadership, philanthropy, and dedication to community service; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Harwell has received two proclamations in recognition of her outstanding
6 contributions to the community, declaring May 17 and August 9 as Derricka Harwell Day
7 in Shelby County, Tennessee, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, respectively; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Harwell has been conferred an honorary Doctorate of Philosophy from the
9 Trinity International University of Ambassadors (TIUA), showcasing her commitment to
10 education and academic excellence; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Harwell is the proud recipient of the 2022 Presidential Lifetime Award from
12 President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris as well as the Official Barack Obama
13 44th Presidential Legacy Lifetime Award in 2023, presented by Georgia State Representative
14 Billy Mitchell and Chief NGO Ambassador to the United Nations and Founder of TIUA Dr.
15 Jacqueline Mohair; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Harwell has made history as the first self-made African American female
17 multi-millionaire in the credit repair industry, utilizing her influence and financial success
18 to positively impact communities nationwide; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Harwell's significant contributions have garnered prestigious accolades,
20 including the Top 40 Under 40 Award from Memphis Urban Elite, reflecting her dedication
21 to creating opportunities in "lower wealth" communities; and

22 WHEREAS, drawing on her extensive background in the financial world and corporate
23 America, Dr. Harwell has successfully built multi-million dollar companies from the ground
24 up and generously coached other business owners to achieve similar success; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Harwell's commitment to education is exemplified through her role as a
26 professor for the 3E programs, where she imparts virtual financial literacy courses for
27 first-year college students and high school seniors at esteemed institutions such as Yale
28 University, Howard University, and Virginia Commonwealth University; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Harwell has demonstrated unwavering dedication to community
30 improvement by founding, funding, and running several impactful programs; and

31 WHEREAS, Dr. Harwell's remarkable achievements have been recognized and celebrated
32 in various esteemed publications and media outlets, including Yahoo! Finance, Vip Global,
33 *Black Enterprise*, and others; and

34 WHEREAS, Dr. Harwell, in addition to her illustrious professional accomplishments,
35 cherishes her role as a devoted wife and mother to her seven children, emphasizing the
36 importance of family in her life.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body recognize February 27, 2024, as Dr. Derricka Harwell Day in
39 commemoration and celebration of her remarkable contributions and accomplishments.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
42 Derricka Harwell.