

House Resolution 1753

By: Representatives McClain of the 100th, Prince of the 127th, Duncan of the 26th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, and Smyre of the 135th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Michael Douglas and commending the Harlem Legends on the occasion of their
2 25th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, for the past 25 years, the Harlem Legends, a group of professional athletes,
4 former Harlem Globetrotters, NFL players, NBA players, past USA Olympians, and other
5 professionals, have taken the lead in living a healthy lifestyle and have been positive role
6 models for our youth and society; and

7 WHEREAS, the Michael Douglas Foundation has been chosen as an advocate for the
8 President's Fitness Challenge; and

9 WHEREAS, Michael Douglas was an outstanding athlete at Booker T. Washington High
10 School in Memphis, and his dedication and determination led him to become a leading
11 athlete at Dyersburg State College in Tennessee; and

12 WHEREAS, he was the top pick for the Harlem Globetrotters and toured with the team from
13 1986 to 1993; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1991, Michael founded the Michael Douglas Youth Foundation (MDYF),
15 which strives to help communities align their goals and initiatives to enhance the lives of
16 their local constituents, and the mission of the youth foundation is to provide activities that
17 are fun and educational and showcase a model for healthy living; and

18 WHEREAS, the MDYF utilizes the Harlem Legends to carry out the mission of the
19 foundation and to provide activities such as basketball camps, celebrity basketball shows,
20 sports history programs, motivational speakers, corporate team building, and festivals; and

21 WHEREAS, Michael served as a motivational speaker for the Atlanta Committee for the
22 1996 Olympic Youth Speakers Bureau, and he appears at hundreds of schools across the
23 country; and

24 WHEREAS, he is involved with various organizations, including the Scottish Rite Children's
25 Medical Center, the American Cancer Society, the Arthritis Foundation, Mothers Against
26 Violence, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Help Rebuild LA Program, and United States military
27 bases.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize Michael Douglas and commend the Harlem Legends on
30 the occasion of their 25th anniversary.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
33 Michael Douglas and the Harlem Legends.