

House Resolution 2056

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Anderson of the 92nd, Epps of the 132nd, and Hugley of the 136th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Yolanda Yvette Adams; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Yolanda Yvette Adams was born on August 27, 1961, in Houston, Texas, and
3 graduated from Texas Southern University; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a renowned recording artist, Yolanda Adams has excelled in many things in her
5 life, including being a school teacher, singer/songwriter, producer, activist, and syndicated
6 gospel radio host; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she began her career as an elementary school teacher and sang in her local
8 church, and in 1991, she burst onto the United States music scene with a string of gospel,
9 R&B, and soul hits, such as "Open My Heart" and "Already Alright"; and
- 10 WHEREAS, since 1991, Yolanda Adams has sold 4.5 million albums in the United States
11 and more than 8 million albums world wide; and
- 12 WHEREAS, on December 11, 2009, *Billboard* magazine named her the number one gospel
13 artist of the last decade; in the same chart, her album, *Mountain High...Valley Low*, was
14 acknowledged as the best gospel album; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Yolanda Adams has been a powerhouse artist featured on many television
16 specials, including musical tributes to Whitney Houston and a special dedication to Mrs.
17 Rosa Parks, "Still I Rise," a song inspired by the Maya Angelou poem of the same name; and
- 18 WHEREAS, she has also performed and recorded with great artists, such as Kirk Franklin,
19 Kim Burrell, Patti LaBelle, Donnie McClurkin, Shirley Caesar, Mary Mary, Elton John, Tina
20 Turner, and countless other gospel and R&B stars; and

21 WHEREAS, on May 29, 2011, Yolanda Adams sang at the prestigious National Memorial
22 Day Concert in Washington, D.C., to honor United States soldiers and has performed at the
23 White House; and

24 WHEREAS, at the BET Awards 2012, she won the award for Best Gospel Artist for the
25 fourth time in her career; her awards also include the Grammy award for Best Contemporary
26 Soul Gospel Album, five Stellar Awards, two Soul Train Lady Of Soul Awards, and five
27 NAACP Image Awards; and

28 WHEREAS, as an elementary school teacher, now raising her own daughter, children have
29 been very special to Yolanda Adams; she has served as a spokesperson for the FILA
30 Corporation's Operation Rebound program, which addresses the concerns of inner city
31 schoolchildren; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
33 remarkable individual be appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize and commend Yolanda Yvette Adams for her ministry
36 and dedication to making the world a better place for youth.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Yolanda Yvette Adams.