

House Resolution 26EX

By: Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, and Davis of the 87th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Alvin Dollar; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Alvin Dollar, a third-generation Atlanta native, has steadfastly represented his
3 beloved city with unwavering pride and commitment throughout his life; and

4 WHEREAS, born in 1948 to Adel and Lillie Dollar as one of eight siblings, Alvin proudly
5 carries the moniker of a "Grady Baby"; and

6 WHEREAS, Alvin's dedication to improving the quality of life across metro Atlanta is best
7 exemplified by his tireless advocacy for poverty rights, mental health, and economic
8 development; and

9 WHEREAS, he gained valuable insights and wisdom through his early social work with
10 CETA, the Butler St. YMCA, and the Downtown Labor Center, which led him to develop
11 programs that provided comprehensive support such as childcare, job training, and substance
12 abuse counseling; and

13 WHEREAS, he worked with the first coalition of Homeless Advocates responsible for the
14 creation of Atlanta's Task Force for the Homeless and served as a founding board member

15 of Roots Adoption Agency, which was dedicated to finding homes for African American
16 children; and

17 WHEREAS, his involvement in the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Task Force, Grady Special
18 Infant Unit, reflects his commitment to ensuring the well-being of Atlanta's youth and
19 combating high infant mortality rates; and

20 WHEREAS, Alvin's enduring impact extends to his tenure as director at the Dunbar
21 Neighborhood Center, which he transformed into a vibrant hub for learning, laughter, and
22 growth, earning him the esteemed title of Georgia Hero in 1995; and

23 WHEREAS, shortly thereafter in 1996, when Atlanta welcomed the world, he shared his
24 story and ran with the Olympic torch across the streets of his hometown; and

25 WHEREAS, ever ready to be a part of societal change, Alvin has actively participated in
26 various political campaigns over the years and is honored to have represented Georgia at the
27 1988 Democratic Convention; and

28 WHEREAS, since stepping onto the Board of the ArtsXchange in 2019, he has continued to
29 share his stories, build bridges in the community, and dedicate his time and energy toward
30 supporting and promoting the organization; and

31 WHEREAS, Alvin's additional extensive service on numerous boards and advisory councils,
32 including his role as an active member of the National Association of Black Social Workers,
33 stands as testament to his enduring commitment to effecting positive change; and

34 WHEREAS, his legacy was further cemented by the announcement of a scholarship in his
35 name for emerging practitioners at the 2023 National Association of Black Social Workers,
36 ensuring that his work will continue to inspire and guide future generations; and

37 WHEREAS, by the example Alvin has made of his life, he makes this world a better place
38 in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that he be appropriately honored.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
40 the members of this body commend Alvin Dollar for his unselfish, dedicated, and loving
41 service to the members of his community and state as well as extend their most sincere best
42 wishes for continued health and happiness.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Alvin
45 Dollar.