

House Resolution 332

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Mitchell of the 88th, Beverly of the 143rd, Paris of the 142nd, Williams of the 168th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ambassador Andrew Young; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, from Ambassador Andrew Young's beginnings as an ordained minister and top
3 aide to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the civil rights movement to his various social and
4 economic development initiatives, his humanitarian efforts and influence have spanned the
5 globe; and

6 WHEREAS, through his leadership, countries throughout the world have created a successful
7 model that combines religion, education, democracy, and free enterprise in ways that support
8 the public good; and

9 WHEREAS, Ambassador Young has received honorary degrees from more than 60
10 institutions, including Swarthmore College, Duke University, Emory University, Clark
11 Atlanta University, the University of Georgia, Morehouse College, and his alma mater,
12 Howard University; and

13 WHEREAS, he began his political career in the United States House of Representatives as
14 the first African American representative from the State of Georgia since reconstruction and

15 thereafter served as the United States ambassador to the United Nations under President
16 Jimmy Carter; and

17 WHEREAS, elected to office in 1981, he helped attract 1,100 new businesses and \$70 billion
18 in private investments and created one million new jobs during his two terms as mayor of
19 Atlanta; and

20 WHEREAS, he has served on numerous boards, including the Southern African Enterprise
21 Development Fund, the Leon H. Sullivan Foundation, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for
22 Nonviolent Social Change, Diversapack, Barrick Gold, United Nations, AMC, and Atlanta
23 Falcons; and

24 WHEREAS, Ambassador Young is the author of *A Way Out of No Way* and *An Easy Burden*
25 and co-author of *Walk in My Shoes*; and

26 WHEREAS, the devotion of his time, efforts, and energy to the service of others and his
27 many achievements are worthy of recognition.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Ambassador Andrew Young on his many
30 contributions to his community, state, and nation and extend best wishes for future health and
31 happiness.

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 Ambassador Andrew Young.