

House Resolution 351

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Kendrick of the 93rd, Beverly of the 143rd, Dukes of the 154th, Smyre of the 135th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Gilbert Young; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Gilbert Young has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours
3 of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community through his artistic
4 talents; and

5 WHEREAS, a renowned artist, muralist, and art conservator, Gilbert served for 27 years as
6 director and conservator of the University of Cincinnati's fine art collection and relocated to
7 Atlanta to serve as artistic director for the Paint Pals International Youth Art Competition in
8 conjunction with the 1996 Olympics; and

9 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has earned recognition and numerous awards for
10 his many contributions, including the Heritage Award for Outstanding Visual Arts from the
11 Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, the Pallet Award for Lifetime
12 Achievement, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the President Barack H. Obama
13 Foundation; and

14 WHEREAS, he was commissioned by the Congressional Club of Washington, D.C., to paint
15 Michelle Obama and has painted portraits of Joseph Lowery, Reverend Dr. C.T. Vivian, John
16 Lewis, Dr. Amelia Boynton, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and many more; and

17 WHEREAS, Gilbert has served with honor and distinction to champion and promote the
18 preservation of African American arts, and his vision and unyielding commitment have set
19 the standard for community activism; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
21 contributions of this extraordinary citizen be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body recognize and commend Gilbert Young and express sincere best
24 wishes for continued health and happiness.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
27 Gilbert Young.