

House Resolution 352

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Brooks of the 55th, and Glanton of the 75th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the A.D. King Foundation; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the A.D. King Foundation was established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
3 in 2009, dedicated to highlighting Reverend A.D. Williams King's enormous contributions
4 to the civil rights movement; and

5 WHEREAS, the founders are Dr. Babs Onabanjo and Naomi King, the wife of Rev. King;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Naomi Barber Ruth King, the widow of A.D. King, made a commitment to
8 make known the contributions and legacy of her late husband; and

9 WHEREAS, the foundation is intended to educate the public about the real history of the
10 civil rights movement, the strategies employed, the timing, the circumstances, and the roles
11 played by the legends of the movement; and

12 WHEREAS, through the establishment of www.adkingfoundation.com, the foundation can
13 promote the teaching of Rev. A.D. King's methods of nonviolence and conflict resolution
14 throughout the world; the foundation is a resource for conflict resolution, building bridges
15 of mutual understanding, and creating a loving community in every culture across the globe;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the purpose of the A.D. King Foundation is also to build a loving community
18 of hope, love, faith, and humanity that transcends race, color, and national origin; and

19 WHEREAS, the main mission of the A.D. King Foundation is to promote youth
20 empowerment, development, and nonviolent conflict resolution throughout the world; and

21 WHEREAS, the A.D. King Foundation has hosted the Annual Youth Empowerment Parade
22 that brings together the community, elected officials, local bands, partners, and sponsors who
23 support the efforts of the organization and its mission, as well as volunteers who make the
24 event a great success; and

25 WHEREAS, the volunteers, staff, and team members are appreciated for their outstanding
26 dedication and commitment; this year they will honor the life of an original team member,
27 Reginald Dwayne Stovall, who will be remembered for his outgoing personality, willingness
28 to serve, and overall support of the A.D. King Foundation's endeavors; and

29 WHEREAS, Rev. A.D. King believed that war is never the answer and that nonviolent means
30 will always overcome; he believed that building bridges of mutual understanding,
31 cooperation, goodwill, respect, and love for humanity across gender, race, religion, and
32 culture will achieve peaceful coexistence and bring us closer to building a peaceful, loving,
33 and gracious beloved community of humanity.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize and commend the A.D. King Foundation for its
36 dedication to providing support services, mentoring, and empowerment to our 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 the A.D. King Foundation.