

House Resolution 559

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th and Panitch of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Charles S. Johnson IV; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Charles S. Johnson IV has dedicated innumerable hours of his time and energy
3 toward achieving systemic change and ensuring that families in America receive safe,
4 respectful, and equitable maternal health outcomes; and
- 5 WHEREAS, following the loss of his wife, Kira, to internal hemorrhaging after a routine
6 c-section and uncomplicated pregnancy, he channeled his grief into founding 4Kira4Moms,
7 a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving birth outcomes; and
- 8 WHEREAS, 4Kira4Moms advocates for improved maternal health policies and regulations,
9 educates about the impact of maternal mortality in our communities, provides support to
10 victims' loved ones, and approaches maternal mortality as a human rights issue; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he further serves his community as a board member of March for Moms as well
12 as chairman of the Fairness of Injured Patients Act, which seeks to restore the rights of
13 victims of medical negligence in California; and

14 WHEREAS, Charles S. Johnson IV has testified twice before Congress and helped pass key
15 legislation, including the Preventing Maternal Death Act of 2018, the Protecting Moms Who
16 Served Act of 2021, and the California Momnibus; and

17 WHEREAS, he is currently working with Congress to pass the Black Maternal Health
18 Momnibus Act, an unprecedented set of bills addressing every aspect of the maternal health
19 crisis happening in America; and

20 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high
21 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and he possesses the vast wisdom
22 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved
23 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

24 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
25 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
27 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Charles S. Johnson IV for his outstanding
30 contributions on behalf of maternal health in America and extend the most sincere best
31 wishes for continued health and 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 Charles S. Johnson IV.