

House Resolution 74

By: Representatives Bazemore of the 63rd, Thomas of the 39th, Schofield of the 60th, and Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Adrian Meeks; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Adrian Meeks' career spans over 20 years in the music industry and speaks for
3 itself; born and raised in Buffalo, New York, he spent his childhood developing his skills as
4 a self-taught musician, playing both drums and keyboard; and

5 WHEREAS, the young musician took his gifts seriously after entertainment lawyer Leroy
6 Johnson, who was also brother to the late Punk Funk superstar Rick James, called Meeks to
7 his East Buffalo mansion for a meeting about his talent; Meeks would later sign under
8 Johnson Management Company along with co-manager Joe Brown; and

9 WHEREAS, at the age of 16 years, he moved to Atlanta, Georgia, and realized that although
10 he did not have the discipline or focus for musical success, his gifts could make room for
11 him; after making the transition in 1990, the young songwriter/producer found himself in the
12 company of prolific producers such as Dallas Austin and Kayo West; and

13 WHEREAS, Meeks has gone on to work with major production outfits such as Dallas Austin
14 Recording Projects, Morris Day Entertainment, and Artist Factory; in December 2017, he
15 launched a distribution partnership with EMPIRE; and

16 WHEREAS, his imprint, Song Source Music Group (SSMG), provides full-scale label
17 services ranging from targeted FM radio campaigns to global music touring and artist
18 management; and

19 WHEREAS, SSMG has maintained a roster of ultra-dynamic, emerging, and major platinum
20 plus musical talents under Meeks' leadership, and he has led his artists to consistent
21 chart-topping success, including Diamonique Jackson, who has had Billboard and Top 40
22 success; Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee MC Brainz; Darryl Allen of MISTA; and
23 Dave Tolliver of Men at Large; and

24 WHEREAS, among his many accolades and awards, Adrian Meeks received the 2020 Radio
25 & Records Award for his outstanding expertise, dedication, contributions, and community
26 service to the radio and entertainment industry.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize and commend Adrian Meeks for his many wonderful
29 contributions to the radio and entertainment industry and extend best wishes for continued
30 success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
33 Adrian Meeks.