

House Resolution 959

By: Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Carpenter of the 4th, Adesanya of the 43rd, Tran of the 80th, Miller of the 62nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Burning Flames; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, formed in 1984 by the Edwards brothers and their nephew in the village of
3 Potters, the Burning Flames band quickly rose to fame with their debut single "Stylie Tight,"
4 which marked the beginning of their extraordinary journey in soca music; and
- 5 WHEREAS, their 1989 hit "Workey Workey," later covered by Byron Lee & the
6 Dragonaires, and subsequent hit "Chook and Dig" in 1990 showcased the band's ability to
7 blend traditional Caribbean rhythms with modern musical influences and earned them
8 international recognition; and
- 9 WHEREAS, shortly after releasing "Chook and Dig," the Burning Flames signed for Mango
10 Records in 1991 and released the album *Dig*; and
- 11 WHEREAS, despite the departure of Toriano "Onyan" Edwards for a solo career and the
12 tragic loss of Onika Bostik in 2004, the band's resilience led to new collaborations and
13 successes such as their hit "Papi" in 2007, which won the Road March upon Onyan's return;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the band's 2015 reunion concert at YASCO sports grounds reignited their
16 passion and commitment to their music, leading to extensive tours and engagements in
17 Atlanta, Dominica, St. Lucia, and other locations; and

18 WHEREAS, their touring in the United States, Europe, and the Caribbean, including notable
19 performances in China and at New York's Labor Day parade, further demonstrates their
20 wide-reaching influence and ability to connect with diverse audiences; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2017, the Burning Flames earned the Keys to the City of Atlanta for their
22 performance during the city's carnival, a first-ever feat for any Caribbean band or artist; and

23 WHEREAS, as the band looks toward their future tours in Canada, Atlanta, New York,
24 Belgium, St. Lucia, Orlando, and Texas, it is abundantly fitting and proper that they be
25 appropriately honored.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and commend the Burning Flames for their many
28 outstanding artistic accomplishments and extend sincere best wishes for continued success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 Burning Flames.