

House Resolution 1158

By: Representatives Crawford of the 84th and Willis of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Fahamu Pecou; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Fahamu Pecou is an interdisciplinary artist and scholar whose works
3 combine observations on hip-hop, fine art, and popular culture to address concerns around
4 contemporary representations of Black men; and

5 WHEREAS, his work has been showcased globally and featured in significant public and
6 private collections such as the Smithsonian National Museum of African American Art and
7 Culture, the Societe Generale in Paris, and the Nasher Museum at Duke University; and

8 WHEREAS, as an educator, he has developed the narrative-based arts curriculum
9 (ad)Vantage Point to focus on Black male youth and has conducted lectures and speaking
10 engagements at many colleges and universities; and

11 WHEREAS, as the founding director of the African Diaspora Art Museum of Atlanta
12 (ADAMA), Dr. Pecou has played a pivotal role in celebrating and demonstrating the richness
13 and cultural importance of African Diaspora art; and

14 WHEREAS, his artistic achievements have been recognized through prestigious awards such
15 as the 2022 Louis Comfort Tiffany Award and his selection for the 2020 Emory University
16 Arts & Social Justice Fellowship; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Pecou's influence extends beyond the gallery and into popular media such
18 as HBO's *Between the World and Me*, *Blackish*, and *The Chi*; *Atlanta Magazine*; Hanif
19 Abdurraqib's poetry collection titled *A Fortune for Your Disaster*; and the award-winning
20 collection of short stories by Rion Amilcar Scott titled *The World Doesn't Require You*; and

21 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high
22 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this distinguished individual be
24 appropriately honored.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Fahamu Pecou for his many
27 outstanding artistic accomplishments and extend sincere best wishes for continued success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
30 Fahamu Pecou.