

House Resolution 1170

By: Representatives Bruce of the 61<sup>st</sup> and Jackson of the 68<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Lawrence Hilton-Jacobs; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Lawrence Hilton-Jacobs was born in New York City, New York, the fifth of  
3 nine children of parents Hilton Jacobs and Clothilda Jacobs; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he began his acting career in the summer of 1969 and graduated from the High  
5 School of Art and Design in 1971; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he attended Wilkes University for a short time before his acting career took off,  
7 and, afterward, he studied acting with the Negro Ensemble Company and the Al Fann  
8 Theatrical Ensemble; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1975, he won the role of Freddie "Boom Boom" Washington on the ABC hit  
10 comedy series, *Welcome Back, Kotter* and also starred in cult classic *Cooley High*, and two  
11 years later had a role in the blockbuster ABC mini-series *Roots*; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he also starred in a few commercials over the years, including an early 1970s  
13 commercial for The United Negro College Fund and one for Salon Selectives; and

14 WHEREAS, among numerous other roles, he appeared in the 1989-1990 science fiction TV  
15 series *Alien Nation* as Sgt. Dobbs, an LAPD detective; he portrayed Panda Thomas in Rob  
16 Zombie's slasher film *31*; and he portrayed Joseph Walter "Joe" Jackson, the father of the  
17 Jackson family, in the 1992 miniseries *The Jacksons: An American Dream*; and

18 WHEREAS, he sang on Rick James' 1981 album, *Street Songs*; and

19 WHEREAS, as a homage to him, the housing project in Eddie Murphy's television program  
20 *The PJs* is named the Hilton-Jacobs Projects; and

21 WHEREAS, he has two daughters; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
23 remarkable and distinguished citizen be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body recognize and commend Lawrence Hilton-Jacobs and honor him  
26 for his impressive body of work.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
29 Lawrence Hilton-Jacobs.