

House Resolution 1447

By: Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Holly of the 116th, Okoye of the 102nd, Adesanya of the 43rd, and Olaleye of the 59th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 20, 2024, as Mashujaa Day; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mashujaa Day, known as Heroes' Day, is a national holiday in Kenya dedicated
3 to honoring the valor and sacrifices of individuals who contributed significantly to the
4 struggle for Kenya's independence and those who have positively shaped post-independence
5 Kenya; and

6 WHEREAS, observed annually on October 20, Mashujaa Day has evolved from its original
7 commemoration as Kenyatta Day, named after Jomo Kenyatta, Kenya's first prime minister
8 and president, to encompass a broader recognition of heroes across various spheres of
9 Kenyan society; and

10 WHEREAS, the holiday further pays tribute to the historical significance of the Kapenguria
11 Six, which includes Jomo Kenyatta and prominent figures Achieng Oneko, Bildad Kaggia,
12 Fred Kubai, Kung'u Karumba, and Paul Ngei, who were instrumental in the nation's
13 liberation struggle; and

14 WHEREAS, the day not only represents a time for reflection on the sacrifices made by these
15 individuals but also celebrates the spirit of unity, freedom, and progress that now defines
16 Kenya; and

17 WHEREAS, Mashujaa Day is celebrated with a variety of national and local events that
18 honor the rich heritage and diversity of Kenya, including military parades, cultural festivities,
19 and community gatherings; and

20 WHEREAS, this holiday stands as testament to the importance of acknowledging and
21 honoring the contributions of both known and unsung heroes in shaping Kenya's history and
22 future, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that we join in this celebration.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body October 20, 2024, as Mashujaa Day in recognition of those who
25 have sacrificed and contributed greatly in support of the independence, growth, and success
26 of Kenya.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 public and the press.