

House Resolution 1672

By: Representative Parrish of the 158th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Right Honorable Sir Simon Burns; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Right Honorable Sir Simon Burns was born on September 6, 1952, in
3 Nottingham, England, and was educated at Christ the King School in Ghana, then Stamford
4 School in Stamford, before going to Worcester College in Oxford; and

5 WHEREAS, he cites following the Kennedy administration in the early 1960s as the point
6 where he became interested in politics; and

7 WHEREAS, from 1975 to 1980, he was political adviser to the Right Honorable Sally
8 Oppenheim, from 1980 to 1983 he was a journalist and served as a director of *What To Buy*
9 *for Business* magazine, before working from 1983 to 1987 as a conference organizer for the
10 Institute of Directors; and

11 WHEREAS, his political career began after being elected at the 1987 general election as
12 Member of Parliament for Chelmsford, a position he held through 2017 when he decided not
13 to stand for reelection; and

14 WHEREAS, he served in numerous positions in government including being Minister for
15 Health from 2010 to 2012 where he was responsible for the National Health Service and
16 Minister of Transport from 2012 to 2013 where he was oversaw railways, aviation, and the
17 High Speed2 program; and

18 WHEREAS, he has also been interested in American politics, spending nine months in the
19 United States working for Senator George McGovern's campaign for president in 1972 and
20 working for Jimmy Carter's campaign for president in 1976 with Democrats Abroad in
21 London; and

22 WHEREAS, among his honors are his appointment to Her Majesty the Queen's Privy
23 Council in 2011 and being knighted in the 2015 Birthday Honours; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and commend the Right Honorable Sir Simon Burns and
28 extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

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 Right Honorable Sir Simon Burns.