

House Resolution 624

By: Representatives Davis of the 87th, Mitchell of the 88th, Drenner of the 85th, Scott of the 76th, and Schofield of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 7, 2023, as Community Legacy, Leaders, and Activist Day to
2 acknowledge unsung heroic leaders and activists for their strength, selfless courage, and
3 hopeful actions that create a positive and much improved future; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Community Legacy, Leaders, and Activist Day recognizes individuals with
5 spirit, vision, values, leadership, and transformational activism who create a better tomorrow
6 for generations yet to be born; and

7 WHEREAS, Community Legacy, Leaders, and Activist Day will focus on "activism" and
8 "activist," which are terms that date back to the slave revolts of the first century BC in the
9 Roman Empire as well as the civil actions and new social movements of the 1960s in the
10 United States; and

11 WHEREAS, activists fight the status quo and challenge injustice to balance the scales of
12 justice and have a long history of changing the world through reform; and

13 WHEREAS, activists gather people together and build coalitions to tap into the power of
14 collaboration and collective strength and demand righteousness and change; collective action

15 that is purposeful, organized, and sustained over a period of time becomes known as a social
16 movement; and

17 WHEREAS, activists are inspirational leaders and role models who possess a mix of
18 unflagging effort, effective action, and tangible achievement, setting a standard for other
19 leaders and activists to duplicate within communities; and

20 WHEREAS, leaders and activists advocate for fairness, transparency, ethics, accessibility,
21 and holding government accountable to do the people's will; to facilitate righteousness, truth,
22 equality, equity, and diversity, they also advocate for all aspects of life such as social justice
23 agendas, including but not limited to civil rights issues, development, environmental justice,
24 health policy, education, criminal justice, voting rights, international affairs, labor, and youth
25 development.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize April 7, 2023, as Community Legacy, Leaders, and
28 Activist Day as a day to celebrate the leaders and activists of today, tomorrow, and of the
29 past throughout history.

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