

House Resolution

No. 59

Introduced by Assembly Member Wesson

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House Resolution No. 59—Relative to commending the Honorable Carl Washington.

1 WHEREAS, The tenure of the Honorable Carl Washington with
2 the California State Assembly is drawing to a close following six
3 years of exemplary service, and it is appropriate at this time to
4 highlight the many achievements of his illustrious tenure and to
5 extend to him the highest commendations of the people of the
6 state; and

7 WHEREAS, Carl Washington was elected to the California
8 State Assembly in 1996 as representative of the 52nd Assembly
9 District, which includes the cities of Compton, Gardena, Long
10 Beach, Los Angeles, Lynwood, and Paramount in Los Angeles
11 County; and

12 WHEREAS, During his tenure in office, Assembly Member
13 Washington brought distinction to himself as Chair of the Public
14 Safety Committee, Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Prison
15 Construction and Operations, member of the Education
16 Committee, Rules Committee, Banking and Finance Committee,
17 and Assembly Health Committee, Chair of the Select Committee
18 on the Compton Unified School District, member of the Select
19 Committees on Agricultural Imports & Exports, California Indian
20 Nations, and Hate Crimes, and a member of the Speaker’s Task
21 Force on the Impact of Terrorism on California; and

1 WHEREAS, He was a member of the National Conference of
2 State Legislators Committee on Criminal Justice and Treasurer of
3 the Legislative Black Caucus of the California State Legislature;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Carl Washington’s name will
6 forever be associated with school safety and violence prevention
7 and, to a greater extent, the peaceful resolution of conflict, the full
8 protection of society against crime, the expansion of economic
9 development in the State of California, and the true rehabilitation
10 and redemption of humanity; and

11 WHEREAS, All of his life’s experiences--from minister to
12 youth diplomat, to counselor and community advocate, to
13 mediator and politician, to preacher and peacemaker, and to
14 Assembly Member representing the 52nd Assembly District,
15 culminated in a series of legislative and leadership victories, the
16 least not being the passage of the 1999 Carl Washington School
17 Safety and Violence Prevention Act which provides \$101 million
18 to hire more counselors, to teach conflict resolution, and to
19 enhance school safety infrastructure in grades 8-12 statewide; and

20 WHEREAS, In the spirit of prevention and redemption,
21 Assembly Member Washington authored Assembly Bill 52, a
22 measure that charted the first course of recovery for a school
23 district in academic and fiscal receivership; and

24 WHEREAS, With adept balance, he authored both Assembly
25 Bill 743 requiring prisoners to earn their G.E.D. as a condition of
26 their parole, and Assembly Bill 1614, which established a
27 multi-agency law enforcement task force to apprehend criminals
28 and protect drug endangered children; and

29 WHEREAS, After a five-year fight to establish an enterprise
30 zone in the City of Compton, Assembly Member Washington
31 expanded his vision and with the passage of Assembly Bill 46,
32 created three new enterprise zones in the State of California and
33 effectively brought the hope of economic growth to the entire
34 state; and

35 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Washington was assisted in his
36 sojourn by the hard work of his District and Capitol staffs, and the
37 loving support of his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. O.B. and
38 Rosia Washington, his family, and his many friends and
39 supporters; and



1 WHEREAS, Through his public service activities he has made
2 a significant impact on the people of the 52nd Assembly District
3 and throughout the state, and he will be greatly missed by those
4 individuals with whom he has been associated; now, therefore, be
5 it

6 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the
7 Members express their commendations and appreciation to their
8 colleague, the Honorable Carl Washington, for his outstanding
9 record of dedicated service to his constituents and to all of the
10 people of California, and convey to him best wishes for every
11 success in his future endeavors.

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