

House Resolution 1703

By: Representatives Neal of the 79th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th, and Kendrick of the 95th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Fawn Weaver for her exemplary leadership and contributions to business and
2 philanthropy; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Fawn Weaver has demonstrated exceptional leadership and entrepreneurial
4 spirit throughout her career, serving as CEO and founder of Grant Sidney Inc. (GSI), a
5 privately held investment company, and notably as the CEO of Uncle Nearest Premium
6 Whiskey, a company she founded in 2016; and

7 WHEREAS, under Fawn Weaver's guidance, Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey has achieved
8 unprecedented success, emerging as the fastest-growing American whiskey brand in United
9 States' history and the best-selling African American founded spirit brand of all time, earning
10 numerous accolades and awards, including being recognized as the most award-winning
11 American whiskey of 2019, 2020, and 2021; and

12 WHEREAS, Fawn Weaver's leadership extends beyond the business realm, as evidenced by
13 her appointment to the board of directors of Endeavor Group Holdings, her membership in
14 the Young Presidents Organization (YPO), and her active involvement in philanthropic
15 endeavors; and

16 WHEREAS, Fawn Weaver's philanthropic efforts, including the establishment of the Nearest
17 Green Foundation, exemplify her commitment to social responsibility and addressing
18 pressing issues such as COVID-19 relief and promoting diversity within the spirits industry;
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20 WHEREAS, Fawn Weaver's dedication to uplifting communities and fostering positive
21 change is evident through her initiatives like Operation Brother's Keeper and the Nearest and
22 Jack Advancement Initiative, which aim to provide support and opportunities for
23 disadvantaged individuals and communities; and

24 WHEREAS, Fawn Weaver's extensive experience in entrepreneurship, public relations, and
25 hospitality sectors has enriched her leadership style, emphasizing a team-first approach and
26 a commitment to fostering a positive work environment; and

27 WHEREAS, Fawn Weaver's contributions to business, philanthropy, and community service
28 have had a profound and lasting impact, inspiring others to strive for excellence and make
29 meaningful contributions to society.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body honor and commend Fawn Weaver for her exemplary leadership,
32 dedication to excellence, and significant contributions to business, philanthropy, and
33 community service.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Fawn
36 Weaver.