

House Resolution 1704

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Cannon of the 58th, Kendrick of the 93rd, Shannon of the 84th, and Nguyen of the 89th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Monica Raye Simpson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, a native of rural North Carolina, Monica Raye Simpson is the executive director
3 of SisterSong, a reproductive justice collective for women of color; and
- 4 WHEREAS, as part of her work, Monica organizes against human rights violations, the
5 prison industrial complex, and structural racism through a feminist and interdisciplinary
6 approach to black liberation from a Southern to a global scale; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she is also committed to birth justice through her practice as a certified Doula,
8 where she advocates for the reproductive rights of black women; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Monica's masterful integration of activism and artistry created a path for the
10 release of her first live album, *Revolutionary Love*, which was praised for its blending of her
11 Gospel roots and her passion for social justice; and
- 12 WHEREAS, as a performer who works to empower marginalized people and tear down
13 broken systems, Monica was named as a New Civil Rights Leader by *Essence Magazine* and
14 chosen as one of *The Advocate* magazine's 40 under 40 leaders; and
- 15 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
16 extraordinary individual be appropriately recognized.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body commend Monica Raye Simpson for her tireless activism on behalf
19 of marginalized people and extend best wishes for continued success.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
22 Monica Raye Simpson.