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H. RES. 444

Honoring the accomplishments of Nicarsia “Nikki” Mayes, a Capitol Hill trailblazer and the first African-American woman to serve as a Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 12, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE (for herself, Mr. CLYBURN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. LEWIS, and Ms. KAPTUR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

RESOLUTION

Honoring the accomplishments of Nicarsia “Nikki” Mayes, a Capitol Hill trailblazer and the first African-American woman to serve as a Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives.

Whereas Nicarsia “Nikki” Mayes began her career of service to the House of Representatives and the people of the United States on September 7, 1977, when she was hired on the recommendation of Congressman Augustus Hawkins of California as an elevator operator and entrusted to operate the last “Members Only” manual elevator;

Whereas in 1980, Nicarsia “Nikki” Mayes was hired as a staff member of the then Office of the Doorkeeper, the first African-American woman ever hired by that office;

Whereas in 1994, Nicarsia “Nikki” Mayes joined the staff of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, serving as a member of the Chamber Security Division until her retirement in 2013;

Whereas Nicarsia “Nikki” Mayes’ excellent performance, distinguished service, professionalism, and good cheer paved the way for more African-Americans to join the appointments as Office of the Sergeant at Arms and other important House institutions, earned her the respect and friendship of her colleagues, and endeared her to Members of Congress;

Whereas in December 2013, Nicarsia “Nikki” Mayes retired from active duty after 36 years of faithful, honorable, and distinguished service to the United States House of Representatives; and

Whereas Nicarsia “Nikki” Mayes is the mother of three children, sons John Mayes III and David, and a daughter, Tira, all of whom she instilled the importance of public service and each of whom followed her example: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives com-
 2 mends Nicarsia “Nikki” Mayes for her distinguished ca-
 3 reer of service to the House of Representatives and the
 4 people of the United States.

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