



Blacks In Government®
2019 National Delegates Assembly
Dallas, Texas



RESOLUTION

RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE MELVIN DAVIS

WHEREAS, Mr. Melvin C. Davis began his government career with the Veterans Administration Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri and achieved 36 years of distinguished service and after retirement, worked another 11 years of significance with the University of Missouri-Kansas City of Medicine in Kansas City, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Melvin C. Davis is recognized as an outstanding and dedicated member of the Greater Kansas City, Missouri Chapter of Blacks In Government® (BIG) in Kansas City, MO for over 20 years, having served as one of the esteemed Past Presidents and Life Member; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Melvin C. Davis was elected in 2012 to the BIG® Distinguished Service Hall of Fame (DSHOF), providing him with the title of "The Honorable Melvin Davis", the highest honor which can be bestowed upon any single member of BIG® for individuals who have distinguished themselves in making exceptional contributions at the National, Regional and/or Chapter levels of BIG®; and

WHEREAS, the National Delegates Assembly Team of Blacks In Government® served under the outstanding and diligent leadership of Honorable Melvin Davis, as its distinguished chair from 2014-2015; and

WHEREAS, Honorable Melvin Davis made the process for voting easier at the national elections by serving as the Chair of the National Elections Committee for over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Honorable Melvin Davis exemplified commitment to excellence in all that he did to affect progressive and effectual change, whose knowledge, wisdom, and subject matter expertise was always appreciated, who was applauded on the success of his work, nationally, regionally, and locally; and

WHEREAS, Honorable Melvin Davis was a dedicated advocate within the African-American community and a respected mentor and subject matter expert on a myriad of issues and specialties to people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, it is with the highest commendation that the 2019 National Delegates Assembly recognize the great Honorable Melvin Davis who has honored this organization with his servant leadership; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we commend The Honorable Melvin Davis for his loyal service to the National Organization of Blacks In Government® and that this resolution be historically inscribed into the archives of its history; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we extend our sincere gratitude and respect to the family of The Honorable Melvin Davis and believe that he now resides with our Lord and Savior and is full of joy as he wears his crown and robe of righteousness, and request that a copy of this resolution be sent to his family and church leadership.

Respectfully submitted on May 20, 2019,

2019 National Delegates Assembly Team Members, Blacks In Government®



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**BIG SUPPORTS ‘THE DEMOCRACY REFORM TASK FORCE’ AND
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS URGING U.S. SENATE PASSAGE OF
S. 949, FORMALLY U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (H.R) 1**

“FOR THE PEOPLES ACT OF 2019” *

WHEREAS, the National Organization of Blacks In Government (BIG), was incorporated in 1976, as a 501[c]3 non-profit organization to, educate and advocate on behalf of Federal, State and Municipal government employees and today, BIG seeks to represent 2.5 million public and private civil servants by continuing to address discrimination in the workplace and its effect on public service; and

WHEREAS, On March 8, 2019, the U.S. House of Representatives (H.R.) passed H.R.1 along party lines 234-197, sponsored by Democrat Representative John Sarbanes from Maryland’s 3rd Congressional District and Chair of the ‘Democracy Reform Task Force’ calling for sweeping changes in U.S. voting laws amongst other legislative concerns and the same Bill was introduced in the U.S. Senate by Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) on March 28th, 2019 pending passage (visit <https://democracyreform-sarbanes.house.gov/>); and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1, represents the first time in a very long time that Congress is prioritizing democracy reform legislation and commentators have noted, the bill number is itself significant by customs, the first 10 bill numbers are reserved for the most important priorities of a House majority and this is the first priority of the 116 Congress incoming Democratic majority in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, H.R.1 expands access to the ballot box by taking aim at institutional barriers to voting, such as patchwork and cumbersome registration systems, disenfranchisement and limited voting hours, which create major roadblocks to a more participatory democracy and will create automatic voter registration across the country; ensure that individuals who have completed felony sentences have their full rights restored; expand early voting and simplify absentee voting; and modernize the U.S. voting system; and

WHEREAS, H.R.1 shines a light on dark money in politics by upgrading online political ad disclosure and requiring all organizations involved in political activity to disclose their large donors. H.R. 1 also breaks the so-called ‘nesting-doll’ sham that allows big-money contributors and special interests to hide the true funding source of their political spending; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1 gives political power to everyday Americans, creating a multiple matching system for small donations, thereby allowing the American people to exercise their due influence in our politics. This new 21st century system of citizen-owned elections will break special interests’ stranglehold on Congress and lay the groundwork for an agenda that serves the American people. H.R. 1 also reaffirms that Congress should have the authority to regulate

money in politics, pushing back on the wrong-headed *Citizens United* and *Buckley* decisions by the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1 ensures that there are cops on the campaign finance beat that will enforce the laws on the books. H.R. 1 tightens rules on super PACs and restructures the Federal Election Commission to break the gridlock and enhance its enforcement mechanisms. It also repeals Mitch McConnell's riders that prevent government agencies from requiring commonsense disclosure of political spending; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1 breaks the influence economy in Washington and increases accountability by expanding conflict of interest law and divestment requirements, slowing the revolving door, preventing Members of Congress from serving on corporate boards and requiring presidents to disclose their tax returns; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1 gives teeth to federal ethics oversight by overhauling the Office of Government Ethics, closing loopholes for lobbyists and foreign agents, ensuring watchdogs have sufficient resources to enforce the law and creating a code of ethics for the Supreme Court.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

In furtherance of its advocacy mission, BIG endorses H.R.1 and S.649 – For The Peoples Act of 2019 (Legislative Bill > <http://bit.ly/2Ix7N4y>):

1. The National President of Blacks In Government will write a letter to Bill Sponsor Honorable John Sarbanes (D/MD,) House of Representatives; Honorable Nancy Pelosi, House Speaker; and Senator Tom Udall (D-NM), thanking all (3) three for sponsoring and supporting this powerful legislation and, specifically to advise the Democracy Reform Task Force Chairman Sarbanes to add BIG's endorsement, as a leading grassroots advocacy organization in America, for H.R.1 on his webpage, <https://democracyreform-sarbanes.house.gov/newsroom/press-releases/leading-grassroots-advocacy-organizations-endorse-house-democrats-once-in-a> *; and that
2. The National President of Blacks In Government will write the Chairman for the U.S. Senate, the Honorable Mitch McConnell, asking him to support S. 649, the Senate version of H.R.1

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Some of the language in this Resolution is verbatim from the Democracy Reform Task Force webpage



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BIG JOINS NAACP URGING THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (H.R.) PASSAGE OF H.R. 1500, 'THE CONSUMERS FIRST ACT' INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS (CA)

WHEREAS, the National Organization of Blacks In Government (BIG), was incorporated in 1976, as a 501[c]3 non-profit organization to, educate and advocate on behalf of Federal, State and Municipal government employees and today, BIG seeks to represent 2.5 million public and private civil servants by continuing to address discrimination in the workplace and its effect on public service; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2019, concerned parties in support of the NAACP and Washington Bureau Director, Hilary O. Shelton, called on the U.S. House of Representatives to pass legislation to restore and strengthen the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB); and

WHEREAS, H.R.1500, The Consumers First Act, is pending consideration by the Full House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the CFPB was created to protect all Americans from schemes designed to strip wealth from unsuspecting people. Many of the initiatives undertaken by the CFPB were good starts towards protecting Americans as they tried to build wealth, or in too many cases, just make ends meet; and

WHEREAS, CFPB was created to help consumers navigate the often-complicated world of finances; to ensure that high-cost, unsustainable loans of any kind, including (but not limited to) home mortgages, loans for automobile purchases, getting a higher education, applying for a line of credit or covering a family emergency were a thing of the past; and

WHEREAS, the CFPB was responsible to ensure that loans were equally and fairly made without regard to a person's gender, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or preference, veterans or disability status, or station in life; and

WHEREAS, the CFPB was tasked with helping to educate the consumer and in its first 5 years, the CFPB was on the right track. It returned \$12 billion to over 30 million harmed American consumers, and had accomplished several other consumer-friendly steps; and

WHEREAS, sadly today, the CFPB is but an emasculated shell of its former, vibrant, pro-consumer self. In just two years, Congress and the current Administration have neutered the CFPB and in doing so, they have dramatically decreased the protections we were able to gain; and

WHEREAS, to reverse this terrible trend, Congresswoman Maxine Waters (CA) has introduced H.R. 1500, the Consumer First Act which would re-establish the full duties of the enumerated offices, including help to put American consumers back in charge.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

In furtherance of its advocacy mission, BIG endorses H.R. 1500 – the ‘Consumer First Act’ (Legislation > <http://bit.ly/2MrQVS2> and NAACP Alert Brief Link > <http://bit.ly/2KrblrK>) and that

- (1) The BIG National President will send a letter to NAACP Washington Bureau Director Hilary O. Shelton advising him of this resolution and that BIG National ask all of its members to contact and email their legislative Representatives at www.house.gov and www.Senate.gov, urging passage of H.R. 1500 the Consumer First Act;
- (2) The BIG President will send a letter to the Honorable Maxine Waters thanking her for introducing this legislation; and
- (3) The BIG National President will send a letter to the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, House Speaker, asking her to support passage of H.R. 1500 - The Consumer First Act.

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