

House Resolution 382

By: Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd and Williams of the 168th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Chaka Khan for her outstanding accomplishments; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Chaka Khan, a ten-time Grammy Award winner, is one of the world's most
4 gifted and celebrated musicians; and

5 WHEREAS, she is incredibly talented and has greatly impacted the world through her
6 writing, acting, philanthropy, entrepreneurship, and activism; and

7 WHEREAS, Chaka has the extraordinary ability to sing in seven music genres, including
8 R&B, pop, rock, country, gospel, world music, and classical, and has influenced generations
9 of recording artists; and

10 WHEREAS, this talented and gifted artist has released 22 albums throughout her legendary
11 career and ten of her songs have been featured as number one hits by *Billboard Magazine*;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Chaka also has numerous RIAA certified gold and platinum albums, a feat that
14 requires immense dedication and capability; and

15 WHEREAS, this amazing woman has also appeared on Broadway and is renowned for her
16 role as Sofia in the musical, "The Color Purple"; and

17 WHEREAS, despite her busy schedule, Chaka still devotes much of her time to public
18 service and in 1999, she established the Chaka Khan Foundation which helps to spread
19 awareness for autism in underserved areas and communities of color; and

20 WHEREAS, her business genius is evidenced by her many entrepreneurial ventures,
21 including her line of gourmet chocolates and fragrances; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this talented and notable woman be
23 recognized for her superior music, writing, and business skills as well as her selfless
24 contributions to society.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Chaka Khan for her outstanding feats and
27 service to her community and wish her continued happiness, health, and success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
30 Chaka Khan.