

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 337

Recognizing the contributions of musician Chuck Brown, the Godfather of Go-Go, to music and to the District of Columbia and expressing support for the designation of a Chuck Brown Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

Ms. NORTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the contributions of musician Chuck Brown, the Godfather of Go-Go, to music and to the District of Columbia and expressing support for the designation of a Chuck Brown Day.

Whereas Chuck Brown is known as the “Godfather of Go-Go” because he was the chief architect of the musical genre known as go-go, which is a unique mix of funk, soul, and Latin party sounds;

Whereas Chuck Brown was a virtuoso singer, songwriter, guitarist, and band leader;

Whereas Chuck Brown’s go-go beat gave the District of Columbia a musical identity of its own and reminds the nation that Washington, DC, is more than just a government town;

Whereas Chuck Brown’s musical catalogue includes 22 albums released over a four-decade period;

Whereas Chuck Brown’s song “Bustin’ Loose”, recorded with his group the Soul Searchers, was the top song on the Billboard Top 100 R&B Chart for four weeks in 1979;

Whereas Chuck Brown earned a Grammy nomination in 2010 for the song “Love” from his album “We Got This”;

Whereas Chuck Brown was awarded a National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellowship in 2005;

Whereas Chuck Brown’s go-go beat has been passed to new generations with undiminished popularity;

Whereas Chuck Brown has influenced jazz, rap, and go-go musicians, including the bands Trouble Funk, Rare Essence, and Experience Unlimited (also known as E.U.);

Whereas Chuck Brown was born on August 22, 1936, and passed away on May 16, 2012, at the age of 75;

Whereas Chuck Brown was a resident of the District of Columbia almost his entire life and was committed to securing statehood and equal voting rights for the residents of the District of Columbia;

Whereas the District of Columbia has named a street near the Howard Theatre for Chuck Brown;

Whereas Chuck Brown is admired for having risen from humble beginnings and overcoming time in prison to become a model leader, devoted father, and family man; and

Whereas Chuck Brown brought joy to millions of people through his music and never stopped performing until his death: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) recognizes the contributions of musician
2 Chuck Brown, the Godfather of Go-Go, to music and
3 to the District of Columbia; and

4 (2) expresses support for the designation of a
5 Chuck Brown Day.

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