

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 690

Commending Alice Allison Dunnigan for her barrier-breaking career in journalism.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 12, 2019

Ms. CLARKE of New York (for herself and Ms. KELLY of Illinois) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

RESOLUTION

Commending Alice Allison Dunnigan for her barrier-breaking career in journalism.

Whereas Alice Allison Dunnigan was born on April 27, 1906, in Russellville, Kentucky, where she overcame poverty, segregation, and sexism in order to break barriers for African-American women throughout the country;

Whereas Ms. Dunnigan served as Washington Bureau Chief of the Associated Negro Press from 1947 to 1961, publishing stories in over 110 African-American newspapers throughout the country, informing people of the ways in which government decisions impacted their lives and forcing decisionmakers to address key issues impacting minority communities;

Whereas Ms. Dunnigan became the first African-American woman accredited to cover the White House, Congress, Department of State, and Supreme Court as a result of her proven journalism skills and hard-hitting reporting style;

Whereas Ms. Dunnigan was one of only three African Americans and one of two women in the press corps that fully covered President Harry S. Truman's 1948 Presidential campaign;

Whereas Ms. Dunnigan's commitment to truth, honesty, and equality served as the basis for her employment as an education consultant to the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity under the Kennedy administration, where she fought to ensure that all Americans had equal employment rights regardless of age, race, or sex;

Whereas Ms. Dunnigan was a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated; and

Whereas Ms. Dunnigan demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to journalism, the truth, and equality for all Americans: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives com-
- 2 mends Alice Allison Dunnigan for her barrier-breaking ca-
- 3 reer in journalism.

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