

Senate Resolution 792

By: Senator Williams of the 6th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Janisse Ray; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Janisse Ray is the author of *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood* which has been
3 chosen by the Georgia Center for the Book as the All Georgia Reading the Same Book 2002
4 campaign; and

5 WHEREAS, this prize-winning poet, essayist, radio commentator, and champion of the
6 vanishing longleaf pine ecosystem was born on the coastal plains of South Georgia and spent
7 her childhood years in her family's junkyard off Highway 1 in Baxley, Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, she earned a graduate degree in creative nature writing from the University of
9 Montana and won the 1996 Merriam-Frontier award for her book *Naming the Unseen*; and

10 WHEREAS, as a founding board member of the Altamaha Riverkeeper, she has been
11 actively involved with a group dedicated to repairing Georgia's mighty Altamaha River, has
12 helped form the Georgia Nature-Based Tourism Association, and has worked to save the
13 3,400 acre Moody Forest in her home county, Appling; and

14 WHEREAS, she has traveled extensively giving readings and speaking on behalf of the
15 beleaguered Southern landscape and will have her newest book *Piercing a Wild Card Quilt*
16 published this year; and

17 WHEREAS, it is only right and proper that the members of this body commend this talented
18 Georgia native for her outstanding literary performance.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 commend Janisse Ray for her many outstanding literary works and congratulate her on her
21 book's selection as the All Georgia Reading the Same Book 2002.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Janisse Ray.