

Senate Resolution 996

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, who has dedicated his life to serving
2 humanity, and who travels to over 40 countries yearly uplifting the human spirit; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar is the founder of the Art of Living
5 Foundation which promotes individual well-being and has enriched the lives of more than
6 two million people around the world; and

7 WHEREAS, His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar is the founder of the International
8 Association for Human Values which pursues social transformation through service
9 programs such as the 5-H program which offers social and community projects focusing on
10 health, hygiene, homes, harmony in diversity, and human values, and which trains at-risk
11 disenfranchised youth to become community leaders; and

12 WHEREAS, His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar's Art of Living Foundation is the second
13 largest Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in the world in special consultative status
14 with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations; and

15 WHEREAS, His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar's Art of Living Foundation has accredited
16 representatives at the United Nations in New York, Geneva, and Vienna, participating in a
17 variety of committees and activities relating to health conflict resolution, and world peace;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar's Art of Living Foundation is dedicated to
20 serving society by strengthening the individual through programs that eliminate stress, create
21 a sense of belonging, restore basic human values, and encourage people from all
22 backgrounds, religions, and cultural traditions to come together in celebration and service;
23 and

1 WHEREAS, His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar's ART Excel program for children and
2 teenagers enables them to handle negative emotions in positive ways and also teaches them
3 vital nonacademic skills including the art of making friends, the secret to popularity, and the
4 value of service to others; and

5 WHEREAS, His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar's Youth Training Program transforms rural
6 regions in developing countries by training village youth in leadership skills to enhance the
7 quality of life and to make their communities economically and socially self-reliant; and

8 WHEREAS, each youth leader initiates service programs that in turn reach 80 to 1,200
9 people in every village thereby improving the lives of ten to 14 million people in a span of
10 three years; and

11 WHEREAS, His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar's Prison Program is a unique, first-of-its-kind
12 stress management program for prison inmates, individuals on parole, at-risk, and
13 incarcerated youth and victims of crime.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
15 recognize and applaud His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and the Art of Living Foundation
16 for their outstanding contribution to humanity, and in recognition of his outstanding service
17 and achievements, declare April 29, 2002, to the "Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Day" at the State
18 Capitol.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
20 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the directors of the Atlanta Chapter of
21 the Art of Living Foundation, Dr. and Mrs. John and Alice Holliday.