

Senate Resolution 370

By: Senators Brown of the 26th and Cable of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the memories and families of Duane Allman and Berry Oakley, late founding
- 2 members of the Allman Brothers Band; and for other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, in 1969, a group of young but already seasoned and demonstrably and
- 4 incredibly talented musicians, including guitarist Duane Allman, bassist Berry Oakley,
- 5 vocalist and organist Gregg Allman, guitarist Dickey Betts, percussionist Butch Trucks, and
- 6 percussionist Jaimoe, formed the Allman Brothers Band and established the band's home in
- 7 Macon in April of that year; and

- 8 WHEREAS, at now legendary jam sessions at their initial base on College Street, their later
- 9 home at the "Big House" on Vineville Avenue, and other locations in and around Macon,
- 10 including Rose Hill Cemetery and a farm known as Idlewild South, the band fused elements
- 11 of blues, jazz, rock, and country music to create a musical genre now known and loved as
- 12 "southern rock" and became one of the most exciting groups of performers ever to take the
- 13 stage; and

- 14 WHEREAS, the band members' talents and tour de force marathon performances across the
- 15 nation not only received critical acclaim and awed their peers among musical greats but also
- 16 served to inspire countless others and made Macon a musical mecca; and

- 17 WHEREAS, Duane Allman's all too brief life was tragically ended at age 24 by a motorcycle
- 18 accident on a street in Macon on October 29, 1971, and Berry Oakley suffered a similar fate
- 19 at the same age and at almost the same location a year later on November 11, 1972; and

- 20 WHEREAS, although their presence is sadly missed, these musicians' incomparable and
- 21 wide-ranging talents, creativity, inspiration, soulfulness, and dedication to their art stirringly
- 22 remain evidenced in legacies of live performances and studio recordings of such songs and
- 23 compositions as "Statesboro Blues," "Dreams," "Midnight Rider," "Whipping Post," "In
- 24 Memory of Elizabeth Reed," "Mountain Jam," "Blue Sky," and "Little Martha"; and

1 WHEREAS, while the bodies of Duane Allman and Berry Oakley rest peacefully in Rose
2 Hill Cemetery, the spirit of each, like the road, "goes on forever," and the love and intensity
3 with which they lived their lives and made their music remain always in the hearts and minds
4 of family and legions of fellow Maconites, musicians, friends, and fans worldwide; and

5 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that their memories and families be honored by this
6 body.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
8 honor the memories of the late Duane Allman and Berry Oakley and their families.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
10 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Duane Allman and the
11 family of Berry Oakley.